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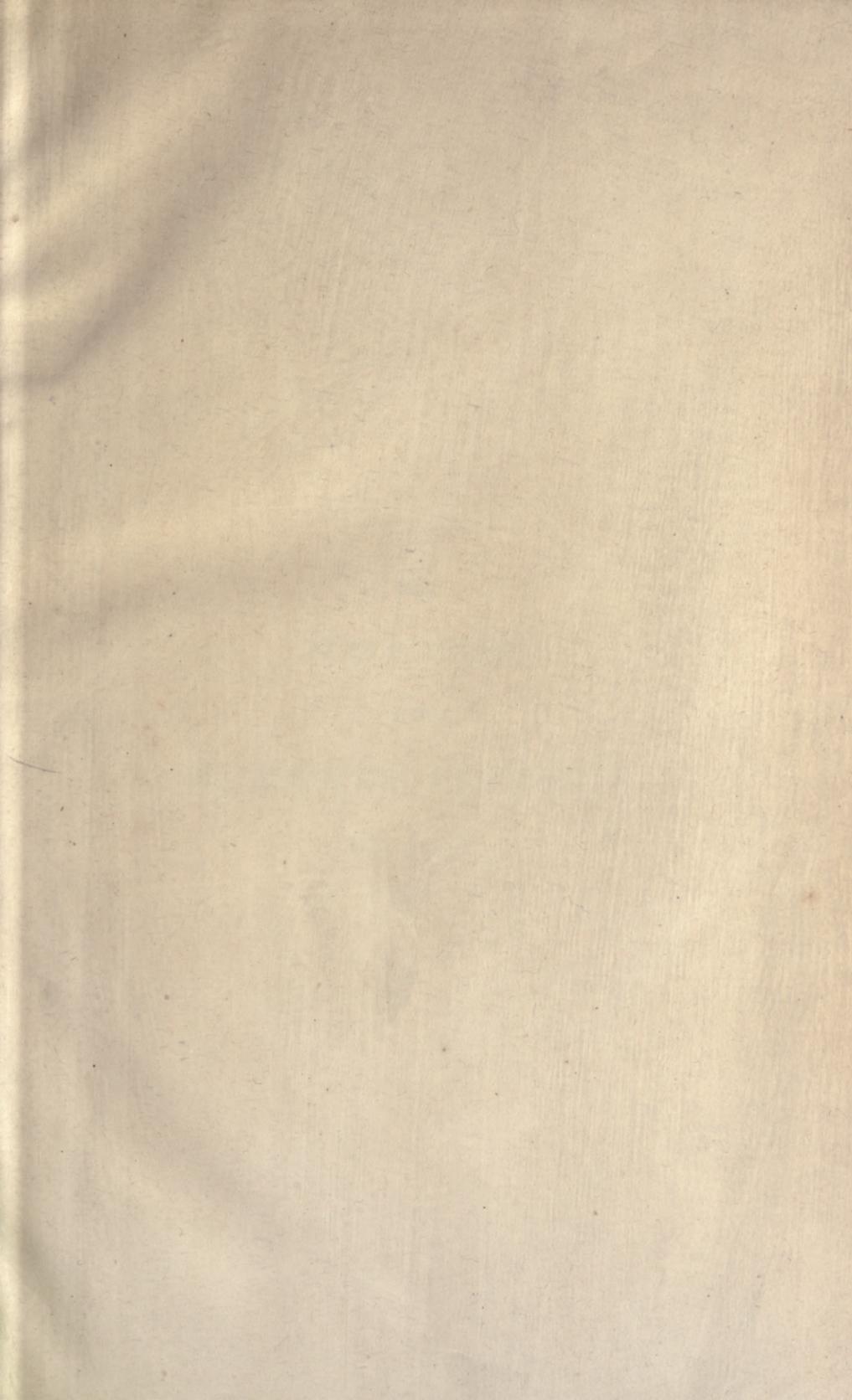
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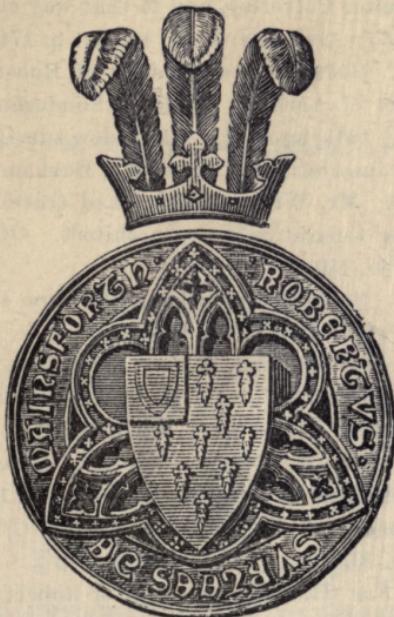


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## ERRATA ET CORRIGENDA.

Page 64. Richard Thomlinson of Akehead, in 1680, purchased the rectory of Bromfield from Mr. Walter Calverley. *Cf. Arch. Ael.* 1 ser. vol. ii. p. 174.

Page 108, note 169. There was a family of statesmen at Akehead of the name of Rook.

Page 114, note 188. Mr. Francis Anderson, of Alnwick, married, Sept. 6, 1728, at Corbridge, Mrs. Sarah Todd, a kinswoman, apparently, of Thomas Todd, vicar of Corbridge.

Page 120. Sir John Ballantyne, in 1679, purchased the grain tithes of Crookdake from Mr. Walter Calverley, and in that way acquired seats in the chancel of Bromfield. *Cf. Arch. Ael.* 1 ser. vol. iv. p. 174.

Page 175, note 33. George Crow, brother of Robert Crow of Kiplin, married Anne, daughter of Anthony Salvin of Sunderland Bridge, died in the month of November, 1801, aged 44. His widow survived him until May, 1841. *Cf.* monumental inscription, St. Oswald's, Durham.

Page 214, note 196. Mr. Willey Reveley had travelled in Greece, and seems to have had some reputation as an architect. *Cf.* Nichols' *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. ix. pp. 148, 150.

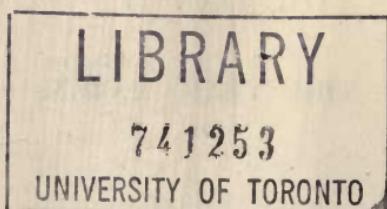
Page 228, note 256. *For* 'He was father of William Hutchinson, F.S.A., the Durham historian,' *read* 'Query, the father, etc.'

Page 280, note 20. *For* 'married, 25 Nov., 1742, Mrs. Margaret Richardson,' *read* ['Query, married, 25 Nov., 1742, Mrs. Margaret Richardson; or was this lady second wife of James Scott, the elder?']

Page 295, note 3. Of Dr. Robert Anderson, a man of considerable literary attainments, who died at Edinburgh, 20 March, 1830, a memoir may be found in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. *Cf.* Nichols' *Literary Illustrations*, vol. vii. p. 69.

Page 298, note 3. *For* 'Hannah, wife first of Robert Carr (and secondly of — Jolly) Mary and Anne,' *read* 'Hannah, wife of — Jolly. Mary married, 7 August, 1778, Robert Carr of Bowsden, and Anne.'

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‘It was resolved that a volume of North Country Diaries  
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WILLIAM BROWN,  
*Secretary.*

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## PREFACE.

Of the diaries printed in this volume, the most important, in every way, is the first. Written by John Aston, a younger son of the ancient family of Aston of Aston, in Cheshire, who was attached to the suite of Charles I. on his expedition through the counties of York, Durham and Northumberland in the first Bishops' War of 1639, the journal corroborates incidents mentioned in Edward Norgate's letters, written, from Newcastle and Berwick, to Secretary Windebank and others, as abstracted in the *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic* for 1639. To the members of the Surtees Society it affords further evidence of the then waste and poverty-stricken condition of the Border lands, enlarging the report sent to the Doge and Senate of Venice in 1617 by their Secretary Lionello, who stated that the country 'at a distance of from forty to fifty miles from the frontier, and especially the county of Northumberland, was very poor, uncultivated and exceedingly wretched,' a condition proceeding 'from the sterility of the ground, and also from the perpetual wars with which these nations have savagely destroyed each other' (*Calendar of State Papers, Venice*, 1615-1617, p. 550).

The second diary, from which only extracts are given, is of the Commonwealth and Restoration period. The third, although of the period of the Great Revolution, is singularly silent about that event. In the fourth diary, written by a young clergyman, who reveals his self-seeking propensities with artless candour, are echoes of the Rebellion of 1715. The fifth is that of a sagacious lawyer, whose pithy and analytical comments on Durham people and events are always decided; the sixth is that of an Alnwick attorney with personal tastes inclining to sermons and to cock-fighting, who noted many domestic events concerning his family, his neighbours and his widespread connections.

The editor desires to acknowledge his obligations:—To Sir Jonathan Backhouse, bart., for the fullest use of his contemporary copy of Sanderson's diary; to Mr. F. C. Beazley, F.S.A., for collating the proofs of Sanderson's diary with the original MS. in the possession of his kinswoman, Mrs. G. R. Clover; to Mr. William Bell, for the generous gift of Brown's diary; to Mr. William Brown, F.S.A., for reading proofs and for other assistance; to Dr. C. C. Burman, for his liberal permission to print from the originals four letters of the Rev. Percival Stockdale; to Mr. H. H. E. Craster, Fellow of All Souls, for some useful and appropriate notes; to Mr. F. W. Dendy, for reading the proofs and for valued counsel; to Mr. Charles Forster for help in constructing the pedigree of Thomlinson; to Miss M. T. Martin, for her accurate transcripts of Aston's and Thomlinson's diaries from the originals in the British Museum and for collating the proofs of ambiguous passages with the MS.; to Mr. Richard Welford, M.A., for reading the proofs and other valuable assistance; to Mr. H. M. Wood, B.A., for many extracts from Parish Registers to prove the accuracy of corresponding entries in the diaries and for other generous help; and to all others who have imparted information.

J. C. HODGSON.

ALNWICK, *April*, 1910.



# THE JOURNAL OF JOHN ASTON, 1639.<sup>1</sup>

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## INTRODUCTION.

In the British Museum there is a journal<sup>2</sup> written during the first Bishops' War by an eye-witness to the events therein related, which apparently escaped the observation of the late Dr. Gardiner when writing his monumental history of *The Fall of the Monarchy of Charles I.* nor has it been quoted by Professor Terry either in his *Life and Campaigns of Alexander Leslie*, or in his carefully written paper on 'The Visits of Charles I. to Newcastle in 1633, 1639 and 1646-7' printed in the twenty-first volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana*.

John Aston, the writer of the journal, holding the office of 'Privy Chamber-man Extraordinary' as deputy for his brother, may be identified, but not with absolute certainty, with John Aston, second son of John Aston of Aston in Cheshire, 'Sewer to Anne, Queen of James I.', brother to Sir Thomas Aston, first baronet, a captain of horse in the service of Charles I. If this be so, the diarist was educated at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he matriculated on the 28th March, 1617, aged 15; and, according to his epitaph in the private chapel at Aston, he 'with great prudence and fidelity preserved the estate and evidences of the family from being ruin'd by sequestration and plunder during his life, which ended on the 1st of April, 1650.'

The quality and nature of the observations set down by the diarist show him to have been an observant and educated gentleman as well as the companion and associate of men of standing.

Aston's Journal may be carefully compared with the parallel Journal of the Earl of Rutland, written in the months of March,

<sup>1</sup> Brit. Mus. Additional MS. 28,566.

<sup>2</sup> The existence of Aston's Journal and its value and suitability for the present volume were pointed out by Dr. Gee and by Mr. H. H. E. Craster.

April and May of 1639, printed in the *Twelfth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission*, Appendix iv. pp. 504-516 ; and also with Sir William Brereton's *Journey through Durham and Northumberland* in 1635, in Richardson's *Reprints of Rare Tracts*.

Mr. Aston's armour comprised a cask, *i.e.*, *casque* or helmet, a *gorget*, or defence for the neck ; a *culet* or *culettes*, the overlapping plates from the waist to the hip which protected the back of the knight as the *tuilles* protected the front of the body (here the term appears to apply to the front part as well) ; *pauldrons* or shoulder pieces in plate armour ; *vambrace*, or armour which covered the right arm from the elbow to the wrist ; *cusses* or armour for the thighs, etc.

# THE JOURNAL.

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*Iter Boreale. Anno Salutis 1639 et Dissidiæ inter Anglos et Scotos.  
Inchoatum 1º Aprilis, Finitum 29º Junii.*

My journey to Yorke to attend the king (as a privy chamberman extraordinary) on the behalfe of my brother.  
Anno. 1639, April 1st.

I went from Rissley, Sir Henry Willoughbie's<sup>3</sup> in Darbyshire, April the 1st, beeing Monday, Anno. 1639.

My brother delivered mee 100*l.* and sent theise servants with mee: Thomas Woollet, Thomas Millington, Arthur Heath, Francis Ridgate, a footman, and John Taylor to drive the cart with my carriadge of apparrell, armes and necessaryes.

I had three stoned horses, a gray gelding, and two cart horses.

I had a cuirassier's armes for my selfe, close caske, gorget, back and breast eulet, pouldrons, vambrace, left hand gauntlet, and cuisses, and a case of pistols and great saddle.

Tho. Woollet, Tho. Millington and Arthur Heath had each of them for armes, back and breast and open head-piece, a carbine and belt and cartilage box; and each of them a case of pistols and great saddle.

John Taylor had a light cart with two wheeles covered over with red cloth, with my brother's scutcheons of armes wrought upon it, and two good horses to drawe it.

About 10 a clock I came to the castle in Nottingham (Mr. Malins) accompanied with my brother, and there wee met Mr. Henry Brooke, and I entertained his footeman, Francis Ridgate. After dinner I parted with my brother.

This from Rissley is     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     06 miles.

Thence with my owne company I went that night to  
the Swanne, Mr. Ro. Deanes, in Mansfield, from  
Nottingham     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     12 miles.

April 2. On Tuesday I baited at Blithe and lay that  
night at Mr. Leavet's, the White Hart, in  
Doncaster     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     20 miles.

[April] 3. On Wednesday I baited at Ferry Brigg and  
lay that night at Mr. Taylor's, poast master, at  
the Swanne in Tadcaster     ...     ...     ...     19 miles.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Henry Willoughby of Risley, a place some eight miles from Derby, was made a baronet in 1611: his daughter and coheir, Anne Willoughby, married for her second husband Sir Thomas Aston, bart.

[April] 4. On Thursday I came to Mr. Poole's house  
in the Ould-woorke<sup>4</sup> streete in Yorke, where I  
was billited my selfe and footman, and the rest  
of my men and horses at Mr. Atkinson's, the  
Elephant and Castle on Peasam Greene ... 08 miles.

Totall of the miles betweene Rissley and Yorke 65 miles.

DONCASTAR. A very spacious faire church, but few monuments  
or matters remarkeable in it.

Onely this inscription I noted for the odd conceit, written round  
about a faire plaine marble on the north side :—

Howe, Howe, who is heere. I Robun of Doncaster.  
And Margarett my Phoere. That I spent, that I had.  
That I gave, that I have. That I lent, that I lost.  
Quo'd Robertus Byrks : who in this world did  
Reigne threescore yeares and seaven, and yet lived not one.

YORKE. A faire lardge cittie. Twenty-six churches in it. One  
whereof, the minster, is a very goodly edifice and exceeding lardge,  
and for lightsomenesse much excells Pauls. The greatest blemish of the  
building is that the roofe is of wood. The chapter house is a very  
faire round roome on the north side with faire painted glasse  
windowes, and pretty fantastique woorke round the stone seates,  
which seeme to bee cut out in stone, but I beleive are onely plaister  
woorke.

Sir Arthur Ingram's house<sup>5</sup> at the west end of the minster, the  
inhabitants beleive excells for a garden beeing set out with images of  
lyons, beares, apes and the like, both beasts and birds which, from  
the topp of the steeple, please the eye, but otherwise are showes onely  
to delight childdren, the cheifest pleasure of his gardens beeing the  
neare adjacency to the towne wall, which affoords him meanes to cast  
severall mounts and degrees one above annother, the upmost veiwing  
the whole countrey on that side, and is of a great liberty extending  
half a quarter of a mile in length beyond Sir Tho. Ingram's,<sup>6</sup> his  
next neighbour. His house is low, noe extraordinary building, but  
very commodious and stately and spacious enough though not suitable  
to his estate. Yet hee showed him selfe an honourable host by  
entertaining (during the time of the king's abode there) the lord  
generall, the lord chamberlaine, the secretary of estate in his  
house, and the rest of the lords (that attended on the king) every day  
many of them at boord with him beside gentlemen and others.

The cittie is abundantly stored with provision, yet because of

<sup>4</sup> Aldwark is still the name of a street in York.

<sup>5</sup> Sir Arthur Ingram was knighted 16th July, 1621. His house must have  
been the house now known as the Treasurer's House.

<sup>6</sup> Sir Thomas Ingram was knighted 16th October, 1636.

the king's presence<sup>7</sup> and concourse with him, thinges were inhaunced above their usuall price much. Neverthelesse there were excellent ordinaries: 18*d.* the masters and 6*d.* servants, as at the Talbot (a very faire inne) especially. At Ousemans the poast master, the signe of the Dragon, for 12*d.* and 8*d.*; at the Bell in Thursday-Markett, for 8*d.* and 6*d.*, with many other places.

The king hath a meane pallace here, yet conveniently contrived, affording him an outer court, a good square base court, a good guard chamber, privie chamber, and presence with inner roomes, befitting his state, and a small garden. The cheifest of the king's pleasure heere was to ride downe into Clifton Yngs (or meadows) and have his nobilltie about him, and see his cavaliers on their brave horses, much more like the recreation of Hide Parke, than the fashion of Campus Martius.

To this cittie I came the 4th of Aprill, beeing Thursday, and there remained till the 27th of the same moneth, beeing Saturday. The people are affable and free hearted, yet vaine glorious, and love to bee praised. In theire feasts they are very luxurios, and given to excesse; but it may bee the occasion now made them to enlardge theire courtesies beyond their usuall boundes, otherwise they deserve the king's charactar of good people who the longer hee stayed the better they used him.

The beleife of the bishops was that the king once heere, the faction in Scotland, like a mist by the breaking forth of the sunne, would dissipate and vanish, but theire pollicy and confidence failed them, as the sequele shewed. For the Scots vanquished them at their owne weapon, and foiled them in the treaty, as they had affronted the king by taking armes. And heerein onely my lord of Canterbury comes short of the Cardinall Richelieu, because hee did perfect and goe through with his design against the Rochellers, but his grace failed in his prediction, the event (I beleive) falling quite contrary to his expectacion.

This clergie poet gained a benefice for the ensueing coppie, because hee pleased the bishop's humour soe well. [*A space is left for the 'coppie.'*]

April. Heere in Yorke during our abode, which was three weekes, wee were never disciplined, nor mustered. Onely the 9th of this moneth wee were in Clifton Ings disposed in ranck and file and soe our number observed, which came farr short of the king's expectacion or the list of his servants. The delay and necglect of training was excused, by the absence of many of the king's servants (which were daylie expected) and the want of armes and furniture, which those who were present, for conveniency and ease of carriadge had (as they pretended) sent by sea to New Castle and Barwick. But the true cause (as I conceive) was the want of officers not yet

<sup>7</sup> 'On March 30 . . . . the King rode into York.' Gardiner, *Fall of the Monarchy of Charles I.*, vol. i. p. 205.

elected, and a hope the Scotsh would submitt, the king beeing soe farre advanced towards them, and then his purse might bee spared, and none entertained into pay, save onely the principall officers of the feild, whose owne estates might beare the chardge of the journey to Yorke. And had the Scots then come in I beleive none but Sir Jacob Ashley,<sup>8</sup> sergeant major generall, and those common foote souldiours and troupes of horse (which were not many) should have received pay for theire march to Yorke.

In Yorke city was billited none save onely the king's servants and their retinue, which was done to avoyd disorder which common souldiours are apt to occasion in great townes where there is such meanes to licentiousnesse, and to ingratiate with the people by delivering them from the wicked debauchery of such guests.

The horse were quarterd at Selbie upon Ouse, some 10 miles distant from Yorke, and the foote in the adjacent villages, and some of them intermixt with the horse, which bred some disorders and quarrells (yet without bloud-shed), there beeing ever an æmulation betweene the horse and foote for presedency, and therefore not to bee quartered together, the auncient dispute still reviving, especially in their distemper with wine, the foote then not contented that common opinion should bee theire umpire.

[April] 22. About the 22nd I sent Woollet and the black stoned horse home when I found the chardge of soe many servants burdensome, and the humor of the king's servants not to answere the report of that profuse gallantry and equipage they were divulged<sup>9</sup> to carry: besides the expedition, for ought men could then discover, was likely to bee tadious having the ambition of the bishops to foment the quarrell, beeing so zealous in their revenge that episcopacie was rejected in Scotland, as James and John were that theire Lord and Master was not admitted into the village of the Samaritans; and as if the banishment of bishops out of Scotland had beeene œquivalent to the rejection of our Saviour, there was noething now with them but forthwith to command fire and sword downe from heaven and consume them, but 'twas happy they were rebuked with Yee know not what manner of spirritt yee are of.

About this time the king went to Selby to veiw his horse in battell aray, and they were then (as was reported) about 700 at that village. At the same time, after the king's departure, there hapened a fatall disaster to one Mr. Dawney,<sup>10</sup> heire to 1,000*l.* per

<sup>8</sup> Sir Jacob Astley, knighted 17th July, 1624.

<sup>9</sup> Divulge = to proclaim publicly. Cf. Shakespeare, *Merry Wives of Windsor*, III. ii. : 'I will divulge Page himself, for a severe and wilful Acteon.'

<sup>10</sup> Thomas Dawney, eldest son of John Dawney (who was buried at Snaith, 19th April, 1639, in the lifetime of his father), and grandson and heir apparent of Sir Thomas Dawney of Sessay, knight, who died in 1641. He was baptizated at Snaith, 15th December, 1616, and was buried there 19th April, 1639. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Hutton of Goldsborough. Cf. Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii., p. 334.

annum in Yorke-shire. Hee, having received his education from his grandfather, a man given to licentiousnesse and excesse of drincking, did participate of his vices, and having then surchardged himselfe with carowsing, amidst his exercise and ryding of his horse, pulled him in his advancing backwards upon him, and received such a bruise as the next day ended his life, and begun his widdow mother's sorrows, who was a vertuous gentlewoeman, and lived near the place where I was lodged in Yorke.

[April] 27. I went from Yorke the 27th of Aprill, being Saturday, on which day there fell abundance of raine, and made foule travelling over the forrest of Gawtrie which lies betweene Yorke and Topcliffe where I baited, being 17 miles from Yorke, there runns the river called Swale. That night I came to North Allerton, 7 miles further, and there lodged all night in a poore house, the towne beeing filled with troupers before mee. Yet I found indifferent accommadacion both for my selfe and horses, good meate for 6d. ordinary, and good provender beanes and oates for 8d. a peck. The dearest provision was beere at 4d. a small flaggon, not a wine quart. But there had beene all the foote (in their passage) quartered before us, which occasioned that scarcity of drincke.

[April] 28. The next day beeing Sonday, I passed over the river Teeze at a foord which divides York-shire from the Bishoprick at a little villadge called Neesom.

Then I came to DAR[L]INGTON, 10 miles from Northallerton, where I baited and found the price of drincke encrease upon mee, 8d. for a flaggon not much greater than the former. This is a pritty market towne seated upon a hill over the river Skerne: hence I went to a small villadg 3 miles further, called Cottam, where I lodged all night in a meane house.

[April] 29. The next day beeing Monday, I came to DURHAM (11 miles), the bishop's sea of that diocesse, where he hath a goodly auncient castle for his habitation which was now taken up for the king, who came that same night to towne.<sup>11</sup> The towne is pleasantly seated and environned with the river Weere, especially that part where the castle, cathedrall and prebends' houses stand, which resembles a horse shooe, beeing seperated from the rest of the towne (as it were) with the river, save onely one space to goe to those buildings like the distance betweene the two ends of the horse shooe.

In this towne are much gentry, it beeing the London (as it were) of those north parts, which extend as farre as Barwick. The cathedrall church is very lardge, and by some æqualled to Yorke, but more out of affeccion than truth, there beeing noe comparison, this comming farre short of Yorke for beauty and state, the two vast (*i.e.* too vast) pillars it hath serving better for perpetuity than comeliness in architect, yet I believe the softness of the stone (beeing a red greeete)

<sup>11</sup> Not on the 1st May as stated by Gardiner, *Fall of the Monarchy of Charles I.*, vol. i. p. 213.

made the care of the founders to increase the size of the columns the better to support the fabrick for the benefit of succeeding aages.

Heere roome beeing scarce, I was (as some others of his maiestie's servants) sent out of towne to bee lodged some 3 miles westward, to one Mr. Browne's house, a parson at a place called Flash<sup>12</sup> in Middle wood neare Beare-parke. Age and infirmitie had made him looke back from the plow, his function, and that vacation had cast his minde wholly upon his earthly plough, beeing a man devoted to Ceres<sup>13</sup> and onely solicitous after worldly business, yet both himselfe and wife (who was a good matronely woeman and of a more bountifull minde than hee by much) were very hospitable to mee during my stay, providing good meate for mee and my servants at 3d. per meale, oates for my horses at 20d. a bushell, and hay for 4d. a day and night, and straw enough gratis.

From Durham his maiestie sent one of his servants, Sir James Carmithael,<sup>14</sup> a Scottsh man, and one of his cupbearers, to the Scotsh with a message of mercy and acception in to his favour, if they would yet cease to bee obstinate and embrace his pardon. But they denied their demanour to bee such as needed a pardon, which to embrace they must acknowledge them selves guilty, and insisted upon their former greivances for want of justice against their bishops, and their feares of innovations in religion: this aggravated the king's displeasure and made him hasten with his army yet nearer, imitating the Divine justice (as noe doubt the bishops flattered him) which comes with leaden feete but strikes with iron hands. But (it seemes) the Scotts thought the allegory did not hold, and therefore meant to stand it out. And Dr. Morton, the bishop of Durham, the 5 of May beeing the day before the king's departure, thence preached in the cathedrall before the king against the rebellion and disobedience of subjects, a sermon (since printed)<sup>15</sup> confuting the insurrection of subject against their lawfull prince upon what cause soever by scripture and fathers.

Sir James Carmithaell's message. [*A space is left.*]

NEWCASTLE. 1639. May 4. Saturday, the 4 of May, I went from Flash to Newcastle, 12 miles. There I was lodged at one Mr. Wm. Bonner's<sup>16</sup> house in the Side, a woollen draper, and my horses at a poore man's stable without the Newgate.

<sup>12</sup> Flass in the chapelry of Esh, near Durham.

<sup>13</sup> Ceres was the goddess of agriculture.

<sup>14</sup> Sir James Carmichael was knighted 2nd July, 1632.

<sup>15</sup> *A Sermon preached before the Kings most Excellent Majestie in the Cathedrall Church of Durham upon Sunday, being the fifth day of May, 1639. By the Right Reverend Father in God, Thomas, Lord Bishop of Duresme. Newcastle, Robert Barker, 1639.* The Bishop took for his text, 'Let every soul be subject to the higher powers.'

<sup>16</sup> William Bonner, merchant, married at St. John's church, Newcastle, 17th November, 1635, Jane Henderson. In 1655 he was chamber-clerk of Newcastle. Brand, *Newcastle*, vol. ii., p. 196.

[May] 6. The king came to towne on Monday the 6th, was met upon the way about halfe a mile out of towne with the lord generall's and lord lieutenant generall's troupes of horse, and by many of the servants in their souldiour's equipage on horseback, the king himselfe having left his coach and mounted on horse back, soe entered the towne, and in the markett place, called Sand-hill, neare the South-gate, hee was attended by the maior and aldermen, and there the towne clarke, Mr. Tho. Riddall<sup>17</sup> (in the recorder's stead, hee beeing then sick) pronounced a gratulatory speech to the king, and in the name of the citty presented him with a purse of gould. Afterwards the king rode up and was lodged at Mr. Lyddall's<sup>18</sup> house in Pillgrime Streete, one of the alldermen, and the bells and ordinance from the walls, beeing about 26, echoed his welcome.

[May] 5. The Sonday before which was the 5th a proclamacion was openly read in time of Divine service in St. Nicholas church, proclaiming pardon to the Scots, etc., if they would come in within 8 dayes, if not they must expect the king's wrath. *Vid.* proclamacion.

Now began the preparations to bee more warrlike, the numbers of souldiours to encrease, officers to bee chosen and discipline to bee used; and all sounded now noething but blood and death, yet the Scots held their countenance still.

[May] 9. The 9th, being Thursday, the king and all his servants were feasted at the maior's and some of the alldermen's houses. Wee of the privy chamber (with divers others) at Sir Lyonell Maddison's.<sup>19</sup> And the king for a reward of their munificence, honoured the maior with knighthood, Sir Alexander Davison,<sup>20</sup> a salter by trade. And the towne clarke, Sir Tho. Riddall.

This night, after the king had supped, Mr. Richard Egerton presented himselfe and Mr. Tho. Egerton, his brother, in cuirassier's armes on horseback, and six horsemen in buffe coates and carbines.

This same day Sir Wm. Savill's regiment, Yorke-shire men, beeing 900 very able fellows, passed through the towne, and the king came downe to the court gate to see them march.

<sup>17</sup> Sir Thomas Riddell of Fenham became colonel of one of the Foot regiments; he died in exile and was buried in the church of St. Jaques at Antwerp in April, 1652. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii., p. 284; vol. viii., pp. 183-188; and Brand, *Newcastle*, vol. ii., p. 215n.

<sup>18</sup> Mr. Thomas Liddell of Newcastle, merchant adventurer, created a baronet in 1642.

<sup>19</sup> Sir Lionel Maddison, merchant adventurer, mayor of Newcastle in 1632, died on the 18th of November, 1646, and was honoured with a magnificent monument in the church of St. Nicholas. Cf. Welford, *Men of Mark*, where a memoir may be found.

<sup>20</sup> Sir Alexander Davison, merchant adventurer, mayor of Newcastle, 1626 and 1638, was mortally wounded at the siege of Newcastle on the 19th October, 1644, and was buried in the church of St. Nicholas on the 29th of the same month. Cf. Welford, *Men of Mark*. *New History of Northumberland*, vol. viii., p. 298, note 3.



The band of gentleman pensioners.<sup>25</sup>

William Earle of Salisbury, captaine.

George Lord Goring, lieutenant, absent.

Sir Edw. Capell, standardbearer, *vice* Lord Goring.

Mr. Tho. Wynne, clarke of the cheque.

Sir Ellis Hicks<sup>26</sup> bore the standard.

[May] 20. The 20th, beeing Monday, all the privy chamber men and other of his majestie's nearest servants (the pensioners excepted, who were ever in a band by them selves) mustered and exercised in a feild neare the towne, and the king came on horsebacke to behold us. When the horse were cast into battalia, there were six cornetts flying in the head of the troupes. Two squadrons of gentlemen cuirassiers in the middle, flanckd on each hand with 2 squadrons of carbines; and the king was much pleased with the sight, and rode by every troupe, and by him selfe or the captaine's published his pleasing acceptacion of our affeccions to serve him; and to our troupe, the Lord Carnarvon, our commander, delivered the king's contentment to see us in this familiar complement, that the king commended his service to us, with thankes, and that hee received soe much delight in viewing us that wee must all meeete againe the Wednesday following: but I believe his lordshipp delivered the message accordinge to his owne expression, and not from the king's mouth. This battalia of horse of the king's servants and theire attendants, I guesse not to be above 400, for wee were never above 10 in rancke and vi. deepe.

[May] 22. The 22nd of May, beeing Wednesday, wee were (by command the former day) to have shewed our horse againe, and beene disciplined, but some occurrences chandged those orders and wee were that day commanded by sound of trumpet to accompany our cornet and march towards Barwick.<sup>27</sup>

The king had heere received some intelligence of a defeate the Scots had given Marquisse Huntley about Aberdene, that they had surprised 3,000 armes sent to him by the king and some moneys in the towne, and that they had carryed the marquisse prisoner to Edenburgh Castle. This, or some such relation was brought the

<sup>25</sup> Instituted in 1509 and now styled the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

<sup>26</sup> Sir Ellis Hicks was knighted 23rd September, 1635.

<sup>27</sup> In Hollar's rare and highly interesting engraving of 'The Severall Formes How King Charles his Armeys enquarterd in the feilds being past New Castle on the march toward Scotland, Anno Domini 1639,' it is shown that five out of seven regiments of troops lodged on Bockenfield-moor, near Felton, on the 21st of May, that six regiments were quartered on Rock-moor on the 22nd of May, that the whole seven regiments were quartered near Detchant wood, Belford, on the 23rd of May, and that they were quartered on Goswick moor from the 24th to the 27th of May, on which latter day 'they marcht away to the Grand Leaguer' [between the villages of West Ord and Horncliffe]. This print is reproduced in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. i. p. 400. In the Gough Collection in the Bodleian, vol. xxv. fol. 59, there is an early engraving entitled 'A Mapp of King Charles his Campe or Leager in the North,' which forms a pendant to Hollar's print.

king to Mr. Lyddall's house in New-Castle by a Scottsh gentleman sent by a younger sonne of Marquisse Huntley's (the eldest beeing taken prisoner with his father) in the disguise of a fidler, and lest this plot should be discovered the marquisse's sonne, who sent him, within 3 dayes after made an escape out of Scotland by boate and came himselfe, and, as was reported, besought the king hee might have the conduct of some souldiours and hee would conquer his ennemis, but this was thought some Gibeonitish guile, and little credited by those who heard noe other of it than as before. Whether this were the truth of the message, and how it was relished by the king and counsell I cannot affirme.

But wee were soddainly (as before) commanded towards Barwicke, and that Wednesday night, May 22nd, I came to Stannington, three miles short of Morpit, and nine miles from Newcastle, and my buisines of preparation for the journey beeing not wholly finished, it was late in the afternoone before I set out, soe I began my journey just when the sunne sufferd an ecclipse; ite was darke and misty before I came to Stannington, and the way beeing pesterd<sup>28</sup> with troupers, made mee stay and seeke a lodging in this poore villadge, it was not superstition stayed mee, though rumors beeing then uncertaine, and our departure soddaine, there wanted not those who construed this ecclipse as an ominous presage of bad successe to the king's affaires.

STANNINGTON. This was a very meane towne, and with much difficultie I got such a lodging at one widdow Gayles as was there to bee expected, soe meane and uncleanely as it made mee first feele the smart of backbiters in this journey.

Yet the villadge was remarkable for two accidents lately happening, the one fatall to it selfe, by the necgligent dischardge of a carbine (by one of the Lord Newport's horse troupe there billeted) out of a high window neare the eves of a thatched house. The powder of the panne taking fire in the thatch was undiscovered till by strength of the winde it grew to an unquenchable fire and wholly consumed 7 or 8 dwelling houses, whose ruines at my beeing there did lamentably witnesse the truth of it.

The other accident was not soe pitifull, but rather pleasing to see justice executed upon soe malicious a malefactor. It was this:— Some of Sir Jacob Asheley's<sup>29</sup> regiment were quartered about South Sheilds neare New Castle, and there were courteously used by a bayliffe of Sir Nicholas Tempest's (whose demeasnes<sup>30</sup> adjoined to their quarter) but they ill requited his pitty of them, with stealing his cattle and other outrages, which moved him to complaine to their colonell, who having severely punished the offendours, it begot such

<sup>28</sup> Pestered = crowded, clogged, incumbered. 'The calendar is filled not to say pestered with them, jostling one another for room, many holding the same day in copartnership of festivity.' Fuller, *Worthies of England*, c. 3.

<sup>29</sup> Ashley = Astley. Sir Jacob Astley was knighted 17th July, 1624.

<sup>30</sup> Flatworth. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. viii. p. 341, note 3.

a rancour in one of their hearts, that hee onely to please himselfe with an unchristian and unprofitable revenge upon the steward, fyred with his match a great stake of his master's hay (valued by report at 40l.). This villaine, when hee was found out, was on Monday, the 20th of May, whiles all the army marched by, executed upon a new gibbett newly erected for him at the south end of Stannington towne, framed of some of the burnt timber of the fired houses, and this inscription fixed on the poast: 'for willfull and malicious burning of a stack of hay.' This was the first exemplary justice done in the army, and noe question but this and the strict martiall lawes published in printe, was a bridle to base mindes onely awed with feare of punishment.

[May] 23. The 23, beeing Ascension day, his majestie stayed at New Castle to receive the communion, and in the afternoone hee came to ANWICK,<sup>31</sup> where the earle of Northumberland hath an auncient castle and a great roylltie, but the castle was two ruinous to receive the king<sup>32</sup>: hee therefore lodged at the abbey, Sir Francis Brandlin's, and Mr. Henry Percy, who supplyed the earle's stead, lodged in the castle, and had a peculiar command given him (if I mistake not), of 300 horse raised by his brother.

I came to Anwick this afternoone, which was 15 mile, and heere, because the king was now neere Scotland, it was thought fitt there should bee a watch about the court, and, which souldiours affirme not to be usuall, there was a horse guard and sentinells placed just at the court gate. But this was rather to please the privy chamber men, who, because of their nearer attendance and extraordinary expence this journey, sought the first honour of watching the king's person, before the pensioners, who challengd it, and then stood in competition with them, and because the pensioners were designed to watch the king's pavillion when hee came to Gosswick, where the army was then set downe, the privy chamber men earnestly pressed for it, and were admitted to their owne trouble to keepe an unnecessarie watch heere, and the Lord Chamberlaine's squadron began halfe of them that night, and began likewise to breake discipline, there happening a quarrell betweene Mr. Edw. Terringham

<sup>31</sup> On May 23rd the King himself set forward to his first halt at Alnwick. Terry, *Life and Campaigns of Alexander Leslie*, p. 63.

<sup>32</sup> The above description may be compared with what was written by one who accompanied the Duke of Cumberland's army in 1745:—'After I had fully surveyed these ruins [of Alnwick Castle] by walking round the walls, I found it was formerly the most strong building (both as to a castle as well as a palace) that I ever saw. All around the battlements is full of effigies which the weather and great length of time has now quite defaced. The grand port, or gateway, as you enter, is as strong as any I have seen in Flanders, with everything belonging to modern fortification. In the garden there remains a most curious and plentiful fountain with many spouts (which still yield water) and several other old and ingenious contrivances amidst a great many vaulted walls now in ruins, as is the chapel.'—*Journey through Part of England and Scotland along with the Army under the Command of H. R. H. the Duke of Cumberland*. By a Volunteer, p. 47, second edition, London, 1747.

and Mr. Thinne, who, because Mr. Terringham had drawne his sword upon Thinn's man for loosing his horse (in the court of guard) and giving him unmannerly language, Thinne came in to the defence of his man, and the difference grew hot betwixt them, and when the watch was broke up, Terringham, by the king's command, was committed all day to the court of guard, not because hee was most in fault (as was supposed), but that hee beeing the king's auncient servant, and having gotten well in his service, would increase an affront from soe meane a fellow to a quarrell, or rather to wine popular applause with the extraordinary privy chamber men, who received noe benifitt by the court and yet were put to such expence, for that if they should receive but just checks, it would bee enough to breed discontent in them, over whom the king was allready not causelessly jealous, that they had noe great zeale to serve him in this quarrell for the pride and unlimited power of bishops. And the ill order in billiting the extraordinarie servants, the chardge and trouble they were put too for their carriages, and the generall disregard they found, together with a consciousness of their ignorance in martiall discipline, and the little care taken to instruct them, the insufficiency of those officers that should doe it: the great bruite<sup>33</sup> of the ennemye's strength and theire able commanders, did beget a distrust in most, and a murmure in others, which noe doubt tooke a deepe impression in the clergie, who were vigilant spies over all men's words and actions in this journey, and noe question rendred an account to their metropolitan how the pulse of the king's power did beate, and accordingly the councill given was either more sharpe or more remisse, and at last finding theire dignity (as they thought) betrayed, they feared a greater mischiefe if they had refused to bee soe deceived, as in the end they were.

[May.] The 24th beeing Friday, the Lord Carnarvon's troope was commanded away to Belford,<sup>34</sup> 12 mile, and were noe sooner come thither but were sent for back againe by Sir Henry Hungett, our quarter master, which bred confused thoughts in many to conjecture the cause. Some thought the Scotts had made an inroade into the countrey and were not farre of, and therefore the king would not adventure us soe farre onwards, and weaken his personall guard; others mentioned a great defeate given to the king's partie, they knew not well where; yet theise were mutterd with some confidence, as though

<sup>33</sup> Bruit = a report, rumour.

<sup>34</sup> 1745. From Alnwick 'our next day's march was to Belford twelve miles, a poor, small thoroughfare post-town having only one house for the reception of travellers. . . . Hereabouts we frequently saw countrymen plowing-with four couple of oxen and one of horses, the ground being so hard and stony does here commonly require ten and twelve cattle, as also in many parts of Scotland we saw the same. . . . This place was so small that we were obliged to be cantoned all over the adjacent villages. . . .'-*Journey through Part of England and Scotland along with the Army under the Command of H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland.* By a Volunteer, p. 48, second edition, London, 1747.

they were secretts not fit to bee divulged. Some repined and tooke it as an ill presage wee should turne our backs to our ennemis, and make a shamefull retraite upon the first advancing neere them: but the greatest ennemy wee could heare of (at our retourne that night to Anwick) was hunger, which had soe assaulted the campe then at Gosswick, that there was a mutine in the army for want of bread, and if wee had gone on it was feared wee should have sufferd with them and emboldned theire disorder with our companie. This was probably the occasion of our command back, because wee mett divers cart loades of bread the dayes following goeing to the army from New Castle, Morpitt and Anwick and all the county about, which carriagdes, with the king and campe's remoovall before, soe overlaboured the country's cattell that many of them dyed, and the rest were soe feeble and the people soe unwilling to come in upon summons (knowing how they were abused by the master waggoner, who would sometimes send out warrant for 500 carriagdes when hee wanted but 200, making his profit by the rest), their allowance beeing but 2d. a mile, that the king was constrained to stay a day longer at Anwick than hee intended for want of carriagdes.

[May] 24. This night after our retourne from Belford, beeing 12 long mile, and an exceeding hot day, to please us for our paines, and to repaire our lost honour by our retraite, which made it 24 miles, wee were graced with the like needlesse watch of his majestie's person which my lord chamberlaine's troupe had the night before, and it was as wellcome to us and our beasts as a new onset to allready beaten souldiours, but 'obedience is better than sacrifice.' The quarrell (I thinke) relished soe ill, that every petty sufferance to unwilling mindes aequalled Hercules twelve labours, and were thought unmercifull exactions.

In the church at Anwick I could not but wonder that the painted frame of his majestie's armes over the quire doore, beeing for noething considerable, and having the earle of Bedford's armes<sup>35</sup> on the inside, should carry this inscription underneath them :

*Sumptibus Eduardi Comitis Cognomine Bedford  
Condita præclari sunt hæc insignia clara.*

On Saturday, the 25th [May], the king went from Anwick to Gosswick where the army lay encamped in the feild. The king's pavillion was pitched, but hee lay in a little house, where the widdow of Sir Robert Hamilton<sup>36</sup> lived, after whose decease it was the inherit-

<sup>35</sup> The Earl of Bedford, as farmer of the great tithes belonging to the chapelry of Alnwick and parcel of the possession of the abbey of Alnwick, had liabilities for the maintaining of the chancel and therefore had corresponding privileges.

<sup>36</sup> Margery, daughter and coheiress of William Swinhoe of Goswick, married first, her kinsman William Swinhoe, and secondly, Sir Robert Hambleton of Berwick, knight. On the 8th of August, 1637, Sir Robert Hambleton and Margery his wife joined with her two sisters in conveying the manor of Goswick, etc., to James Fawcett, gent. Cf. Raine, *North Durham*, p. 185.

ance of one Fossett, a London taylour. Heere the pensioners watched his majestie both this night and Sonday night, and boasted much they had the preheminence to keepe the first watch in the army, whereas that honour the privy chamber men had: it was but a formallity graunted to please them with, and neither of use nor reputation.

It should seeme the king's designe was to have set downe with his army heere, it beeing neare the Holy Island, and to have had the command and pleasure of his shippes for his security upon any exigent. But this resolve was soone altered, for on Monday the army broke up and marched to Barwick, the king himselfe goeing before in the morning.<sup>37</sup> Had they remained there the Scotts would little have regarded the king's forces, and would have wearied him soone out with the expence, and kept them selves quiet at home: besides, Barwick was a place of strength, and was newly fortifyed and furnished with a garrison, which, if it should bee attempted, could receive noe present succour from the king's army, 5 miles distant on the sea shore, where there was noe possibility of attempting anything, the Scotts beeing unable to performe ought at sea. Theise, or some such consideracions, 'twas likely caused the campe remooved thither where it was last pitched, beeing a place where Barwick and it might best mutually assist each other, and resist the intentions of the Scotts by defending the river Tweede.

The 27th of May, beeing Monday, Sir Francis Kinaston,<sup>38</sup> Mr. Willbraham, Mr. Crew and my selfe came from Anwick, and went towards Gosswyck, thinking there to finde our troupe and receive orders for our quarter, but upon the way wee received notice the king and the army were dislodged and gone for Barwick, that our troupe was quartered in a poore base villadge where was noe accommadacion either for man or beast. Soe Mr. Willbraham, Mr. Crew and my selfe tooke a liberty (not lawfull indeed for souldiours under government, but that wee saw it practized by others) to provide for our selves, and Sir Francis Kinaston beeing to waite that night, went for Barwick where the king was: and wee found out a house neare Gosswyck (where my lord generall had had his owne quarter), one Mr. Haggerston's of HAGGERSTON, 18 miles from Anwick. It was a house indeed, and naught els, for the master of it, fearing least the army beeing to encampe thereabouts, would, like an inundation, sweepe all his stocke and provision away with it, for prevention hee had wholly dissfurnished his house, and left it empty and naked both of furniture and foode, and him selfe and family were retyred to Barwick, and hee had put himselfe in the earle of New Castle's troops, yet hee was a man reported to have 7 or 800*l.* per annum. At his house hee had left 3 or 4 servants, and they denied us any entertainement, pretending their house was taken up by the king's doctor of physick; yet upon further importunity, with civill demeanor wee enquired who the

<sup>37</sup> 'On the afternoon of May 27 Charles arrived at Berwick.' Terry, *Life and Campaigns of Alexander Leslie*, p. 64.

<sup>38</sup> Sir Francis Kynaston was knighted January, 1618/9.

doctor was, and understood it to bee Turner the court buffoone, wee went up to visitt him, and made knowne our straite, and prayed his interest as a knowne guest to the servants for our accommadicion. Hee lying on his sick bed did intercede for us, which, with our owne earnest sollicitacion at last obtained us that favour, that Mr. Willbraham and my selfe were admitted to ly in the same poore bed and nasty sheetes which my Lord of Arundell's steward had formerly layen in (how long wee knew not) but by their sent it might have beene his cooke or scullion rather, for their smell and uncleannessse would affoord us but little rest ; yet Mr. Willbraham would needes goe into bed, and Mr. Crew as a greater privilege had little Jefferye's bed and foule sheetes to himselfe. Beeing thus satisfied for lodging, our next care was for victualls : the house would affoord us none, and to buy any in that or any other villadge was a bootelesse hope, the whole army having devoured all the store thereabouts. Some tents there were yet standing at Gosswick, and Mr. Willbraham and my selfe, having the sharpest appetites, repaired thither in hopes to get somewhat to stay our stomacks, and, beeing devideed, I met with Sir Ellis Hicks and Mr. Butler and Mr. Slater, who tooke me into their tent and gave mee a joint of roast mutton out of their stoare ; I came then to Mr. Willbraham to shew him how wee had sped, and wee thought our selves not meanely fortunate ; yet afterwards wee mended our commons, for wee found the king's kitchin tent standing, and there wee stored our selves both for our dinner, supper, and breakfast the next morning, more constant meales than souldiours usually have. In the meane time Mr. Crew, taking care for his horse, shewed more of his mercy to his beast than Dr. Turner<sup>39</sup> did to one of his servants, a footman, who lay then gasping for life in the stable over head in straw, and Mr. Crew had like to have set his horse on topp of him, whom his master (though he were a physitian) tooke noe charitable care for, neither sent him any thing to comfort him in that languishing paine, till hee was cryed out to by the servants of the house, and then it came too late, hee breathing his last about an houre after wee came in, having poysoned him selfe (as they conjectured) with ill dyet and corrupt water, and his master tooke as little care to give him a decent or christian buriall. This was a poore meane house with thick walls (somewhat castle like) and a flatt roofe, from whence that evening, the Holy Island beeing nigh, wee descrid many sayle of shippes put into the harbour and salute the castle with their ordinance.

The 28 [May] beeing Tuesday, wee went downe to Gosswick to see where the campe was pitched. It was neare the sea shore, upon a plaine heath ground most part of it, and of a spungie turfe, which would have beeene very discommodious to the souldiours had they continued there in rainy weather : they had cast up noe trench heere, because of their short stay and that they were designed for an other place.

<sup>39</sup> *Query*, Dr. Samuel Turner who died 1647.

Hence wee went to view the **HOLY ISLAND**, and about 10 a clock, when the tyde was out, wee rode over to it and divers walked on foote into it.

It is about 5 mile in compasse, a levell ground with a short greene swade upon it, noe part of it tilled nor affording any thing but conies. Just at our comming those shipps wee sawe last night, beeing 20 sayle under the command of Marquisse Hammilton (having beene with him at Dum Fryth with 5,000 land souldiours), heere landed 2 regiments of foote. Sir Simon Harecourt's, and Sir Tho. Moreton's 24 ensignes, who in the island stood to their armes and muster'd, and soe soone as the tyde was a little more withdrawne, marched away towards Barwick. There were more shipps and more souldiours (as theyould us) which were gone to the Fearne Islands neare adjoyning and within sight, where, as they report, are those foule they call Solom Geese, which at the time of the yeare flock thither in such multitudes they cover the ground, and bring infinite plenty of sticks with them to build theire nests with, and such as build upon the rocks will lay their eggs upon the edges of such precipices that if a man take it up, hee cannot possibly lay it where hee had it, but it will fall ; the reason (as they affirme) is because the burd layes together with the egg a gummy matter, which after it lies a while covered with her foote (for soe they hatch them and not with their bodies as other burds doe) it growes stiffe and fastens the egg where it was layde.

In this island is a small villadge, and a little chappell. There is yet remaining the ruines of a faire church very like the cathedrall at Durham, both for the stone and manner of building. It was consecrated to St. Cuthbert, who, for his holy life, obtained a miraculous gift to the island, that about 9 a clock every Sonday the water should bee soe lowe, that the inhabitants of the countrey that parish to that church may come dry shod to prayers and retourne before it flowe againe, and it happens soe noe day of the weeke besides : but upon enquiry I was tould it was but a superstitious tradition, and noe truth. This church and buildings were demollished by the Earle of Sussex since the beginning of King James his reigne, to whom the government of the isle was given. There is a pretty fort in it, which upon this occasion was repaired and put into forme. There are 2 batteries on it, on the lower stood mounted 3 iron peeces and 2 of brasse, with carriagges and platformes in good order. On the higher was one brasse gunne and 2 iron ones with all ammunition to them. There are 24 men and a captain kept in pay to man it, the common souldiours have 6d. per diem, and the captain [*a space is left here*]. The captain at our beeing there was Captain Rugg,<sup>40</sup> knowne com-

<sup>40</sup> Robert Rugg apparently succeeded his father-in-law, Henry Jones, 'Deputy Captain of Norham and Island-shire,' who died in 1629. He was buried at Berwick, September 6, 1647. Cf. Raine, *North Durham*, p. 164. See also account of Holy Island by Gibert Blakhal, quoted in *Proceedings of Newcastle Society of Antiquaries*, 3 ser. vol. iii., p. 294.

\* In this island, in a dainty little fort, there lives Captain Rugg, governor of

monly by his great nose ; hee had beeene captain there under the earle of Sussex divers yeaeres, yet now hee was not solely trusted but had Captain Hodge Bradshaw joyned him. Hee gave us such courteous wellcome as his poore habitation would affoord.

[May] 28. Hence wee went to BARWICK the same night, beeing 6 mile, and found the towne soe thronged that wee had much adoe to get lodgning. The king was yet in towne at an ould ruined house of his owne called the Castle, but his privy counsell, I believe, were jealous of his safetie there, or els of disorders in the campe if his majestie were not present in it.

[May 30.] Soe upon the Thursday following, beeing the 30th of May, the king's pavillion was pitchd, and hee himselfe went to lodge in the army, and continued in it from that time till it broke up.

BARWICK :—Hath beeene the ould partition wall betweene the two kingdomes, and, since the union, King James cashierd the garrison and slighted the woorkes, much against the mindes of some English, especially one, Captain [*a space is left here*], who wrote a witty discourse how necessary it was to maintaine a garrison still there, and did allmost prophecy the rebellion of the Scotts in future times. The scituacion heereof is readily knowne by all ; it stands on the further side Tweede, and hath a stone bridge leading to it of 15 arches. The haven, at high water, will receive a shipp of great burden, but 'tis a towne of noe trade, because it affords noe commodities for transportation ; fishing is theire best, but they wholly neglect it, except onely for salmon, which is very plentifull. The sea lyes open to them to the east, and, flowing up two or three miles above their bridge, is a good defence to'that side of the towne. The building is very meane, yet it hath good stoure of houses in it, and one poore chappell on the north east side. It had a faire church in it but, during the enmity betweene the two nations, it was taken downe, for feare of battering, and this chappell built of the materialls and some part of the walls. There was aunciently a castle on the north west side of the towne, but King James bestowed it on the earle of Dunbarr,<sup>41</sup> who began to build a stately house in the very place where the auncient castle stood, out of its ruins and left it unfinished. The seate serves properly for a defence to the towne still, and soe it was now used, there beeing two bulwarkes made upon the side walls by filling their inward parts with earth, on the one was three iron peeces mounted, on the other two. The castle hath a very deepe dry ditch about it and a gate over it leading into it out of the towne.

The walls of the towne were not soe slighted but that with small

the fort, who is as famous for his generous and free entertainment of strangers, as for his great bottle nose which is the largest I have seen.' Brereton, *Journey through Durham and Northumberland in the year 1635*, p. 33.

<sup>41</sup> Cf. 'Notes on Berwick Castle and the Modern Owners thereof,' by William Maddan, *History of the Berwickshire Naturalists Club*, vol. xix., p. 348.

cost they were now made very strong and usefull, and received to fitting purpose good store of cannon (and might well have beeene furnished with more if neede had required). Upon the line comming from the Lord Dunbarr's house was one iron peece.

The Mary Gate northward had two iron peeces over it, a great chanber in the mouth of it, and a little distance from the gate was a new redoubt, four square, made with pallisadoes round it, and a continual watch of musquetiers lay in it.

On the same line tending towards the east was an other bulwarke with three iron peeces planted on it.

Further eastward an other little bulwarke with three iron peeces.

On the same line eastward a watch tower.

By it a little bulwarke new raised, with three iron peeces on it.

Next that a great bulwarke with seven iron peeces on it.

Next to that, allmost due east, seven brasse peeces whereof two were very faire gunns.

The Cow-gate, three small brasse peeces in the mouth of the port.

On the bulwarke by the windmill, on the same line, seven iron peeces.

On the corner bulwarke, south east, eight iron peeces.

The Shoare-gate southward.

The Bridge-gate southward.

On the great bulwarke, south west, neare the great gate called New-gate, seven iron peeces.

Besides the walls that encompasse the towne there runns a line within, acrosse from the watch towre north east to the New-gate south-west, which is very strong and hath good batteries on it.

The totall of all the cannon upon the walls and in the ports were, besides the murdering peece,<sup>42</sup> fifty-six.

The government of this towne was now committed to the earle of Lyndsay, who had a strong regiment of 2,500 men and good able captaines to command, besides which the Earle of New Castle with allmost 200 horse was quarterd in the towne, and kept watch day and night upon the bound<sup>43</sup> roade a mile or 2 out of towne.

When the king was at Yorke, the Scotts were suspected to have a plot to surprise Barwick; soe the earle of Essex, with Sir Jacob Ashley, went speedily downe, and tooke the trained men of the bishoprick, and a regiment of Yorke-shire men, under the command of Sir Charles Vavisour and Sir Wm. Pennyman, and put them into the towne, and left Ernley<sup>44</sup> commander over both regiments, lieutenant-colonell to Sir Jacob Ashley.

The Scotts abjured any such designe, intending ever (as they alleadged) noething but their owne defence.

All theise soldiours in the towne, and the arny fast by, inhaunced the price of meate exceedingly, yet there were 12*d.* and 18*d.* ordinaries at first, where was reasonable good provision, but after a little

<sup>42</sup> A great gun.

<sup>43</sup> Cf. p. 31, *post*, note 61.

<sup>44</sup> Sir Michael Ernley, knighted 27 July, 1629.

while soe much company frequented them, and they were soe sharkd<sup>45</sup> upon, they were forced to lay them downe, and I was constrained to dyett with my landlord at the rate of 9d. per meale. His name was Burges, a dyer: hee and his wife were very pure, and in their discourse would ever justifie the Scotts. I beleive hee was of their covenant, and soe were most of the towne, though they durst not openly shew it, there beeing noe reproach soe shamefull as to call them Coven-  
anters.

They have two preachers in their towne, Mr. Dury,<sup>46</sup> a Scottshman, and Mr. Jemmet,<sup>47</sup> an Englishman. Mr. Dury, by preaching obedience to the higher powers since the beginning of the troubles, had soe irritated his freinds and countreymen, that hee durst not goe amongst them; and hee was generally hated in towne, and rebuked as one that sought after a bishoprick, which they abhorred.

[May] 29. The 29th day of May, Mr. Crew, Mr. Willbraham and my selfe went to Harcley,<sup>48</sup> a small villadge westward from Barwick, where the Lord Carnarvon had chosen our quarter for us, but I found the place soe incommodious that I retourned to Barwick, where I intended to abide, having got a tollerable accomodation there. I came through the campe home.

THE CAMPE. It was pitched upon an ascending ground over the river Tweede westward, three miles from Barwick, betweene the villadge West Ourd a little short, and Harcley,<sup>49</sup> our quarter a little beyond it, whence some called the place Harcley feilds, others West Ourd. The[y] entrenched themselves in a semi-circle, the river serving for a trench to all the north part. The trench was in most places four foote broad and eight foote deepe, accounting the height of the parrapet, and the circumvallacion was esteemed in the whole to bee about three miles, some sayed five. There were three avenues, one towards Barwick, one somewhat higher to the south line, and one towards Harcley. The quarter master generall was one Captain Charles Flood, soone to Captain Braithwaite Flood in the Low Countreys. Hee was but a young man and, some thought, much too greene for such an employment, beeing onely studious in the mathe-  
maticks, and affecting the name and laude of an engineire. Many condemned his choice of ground and manner of encamping soe wildly, one regiment so farre distant from another, but whether they spoke out of judgement, or the discourse of others that had knowledge, I cannot guesse, but sure I am, some as ignorant as my selfe, would take

<sup>45</sup> Shark = to fawn upon for a dinner. *Ogilvie's Dictionary.*

<sup>46</sup> Gilbert Dury, vicar of Berwick, 1613, died 1662.

<sup>47</sup> John Jemmat, a native of Reading, lecturer of Berwick, 1637-1641. Afterwards vicar of St. Giles', London. Cf. Scott, *Berwick*, p. 356.

<sup>48</sup> Now Horncliffe.

<sup>49</sup> The encampment was at a place called the Birks, between West Ord and Horncliffe, locally pronounced Horcley.

upon them to finde fault. The king, it may be, intended a greater supply of men, and soe hee left rome (*sic*) to take them into the leaguer, by command. Though the place were very fitt to oppose the ennemy, yet it was ill furnished to protect our owne men, affording them noe manner of shelter against weather, the countrey round about beeing champaigne; but it was a sommer leaguer and therefore supposed the cold ground was ease enough for them; but it was, most of it, where the souldiours lay, plowed ground, and sowed with barley, which, when wet came, continued very foule a long time and made many of them, those especially that came lately from sea, to fall sick and dye.

On the north side of the banck, over the Tweede, was the king's pavillion pitchd, and round about it the noblemen's tents and the gentlemen's of the privy chamber and others.

To the west of the pavillion was a battery (upon a rising hill), where were planted two peeces of brasse cannon, one whereof was the warning peece.

To the eastward, on the other side of the pavillion, was an other battery without the trench of the campe, on a hanging bancke over the Tweede right against a foord, whereon were three peeces of brasse.

Yet it was thought the hills on the other side the river might have commanded our campe.

Right before the king's pavillion, somewhat to the westward, under a hanging banck, was the lord generall's tent and his regiment.

To the eastward of him was the lord lieutenant-general.

And beyond him, neare the avenue towards Barwick, was the master of the ordinance and all the artillerie, which were 24 fine feilde peeces of brasse, all new cast for this expedicion.

The sergeant major generall was pitched [*a space is left here*].

#### THE OFFICERS OF THE FEILDE.

The King's Majestie present.

The earle of Arundell, generall.

The earle of Essex, lieutenant generall.

The earle of Neiuport,<sup>50</sup> master of the ordinance.

Sir Jacob Ashley, serjeant major generall.

Sir William Brunckard, commissary generall of the infanterie.

The earle of Lyndesey, governour of Barwick.

The Lord Willoughbie, colonell of his majestie's leife guard.

Mr. Henry Wentworth, lieutenant colonell.

Sir Nicholas Slaning,<sup>51</sup> sergeant major.

Sir Charles Vavisour, captain lieutenant.

<sup>50</sup> Mountjoy Blount, Earl of Newport.

<sup>51</sup> Sir Nicholas Slanning knighted 24th August, 1632.

## THE ENQUARTERINGS OF THE HORSE.

The earle of Holland, generall of the horse, quartered at Fishrigg, to the east from the campe.

Colonell Goring, lieutenant generall.

Commissary Willmot, commissary generall.

The lord generall's horse quartered at Norum.

Squire Heale with a troupe of carbines at [*a space is left here*].

Lord Carnavon's troupe at Harcley.

Lord Chamberlaine's at Barwick townes-end.

Sir Ralph Hopton, a troupe of carbines at Ourd.

Sir Fulke Huncks, a troupe of carbines at [*a space is left here*].

The pensioners at Chesswick.

The first thing was done after the sitting downe of the campe, the lord generall was sent forth with [*a space is left here*] horse to proclaime the king's proclamacon, which the Scotts would not heretofore give way, should bee proclaimed, and this was proclaimed at Dunce on Monday the 3 of June, but most of the inhabitants of best quallity, seeing such a power comming, were retyred further into the countrey, and those that were left, for feare, received it with acclamacons of joy and their prayers for the king. This gave a great alarm into the countrey.

The 3rd of June, beeing Monday, I watched (together with others of our troupe) the king's pavillion, and wee kept our court of guard about a stone's cast of, one the edge of the banck over the river, from whence by turnes wee were taken, two at a time, to waite in the privy chamber, with each of us a pistoll ready spannd and cocked, for an hour. In the morning wee waited on the king whithersoever hee rode. That morning hee went through the foard in to Scotland to a little villadge called Packston,<sup>52</sup> right against the campe, to veiwe those feilds, intending to make a trench and redoubt to lay some men in on that side. There went over with him the Lord Lieutenant-generall, the Serjeant Major-generall, Sir Foulke Huncks, and Lieutenant-colonell Sydenham.

Wee used to set our watch about 6 a clock with prayers, and then every one retyred at his pleasure till 9, that the warning peece went of. And in the morning, when diana<sup>53</sup> beate up, wee were released againe till his majestie came abroad.

The 5th of June, beeing Wednesday, the order beeing not settled for our watching, wee were commanded to attend, and then devided the squadron, and cast lots which part should watch that night. It fell to the squadron where I was to bee dismissed, soe I was ryding home about 6 a clock, and there was presently a generall

<sup>52</sup> Paxton.

<sup>53</sup> Dean or diana, a trumpet-call, or drum-roll at early morn. N.E.D.

alarme through the campe. The Scots were discried from our quarter pitched on a hill neare Dunce, soe all the souldiours stood to their armes; but about 9 a clock, the king and the army were better quieted, soe there was noe command layed upon us to attend, onely my selfe was inforced to bee there all night in Mr. Hinton's tent, because I could not get out of the army. Some thought the king knew of their intention to come thither long before, but would suffer it to come as a soddaine alaram to the campe to try their courage and affeccions, which, as the same polititians sayed, his majestie began now to distrust, but theise were clergy. I know not how well the king was satisfyed, but hee was as inquisitive and curious as might bee and came to the bulwarke with his perspective, and there stood veiwing and counting the tents a long while, and was followed with his nobles and courtiers, as all amazed and wondring at the approach of the Scots, the king having sent them word they should not come within 10 miles of his campe.

[June] 6. The 6 of June wee showed our selves in compleat armes in the feilds neare the campe. The king went forward with his trench on the other side Tweede, yet altered his designe from the first intention for the fashion of the woorke, and made a strong horne woorke of it and kept watch in it every night, but never manned it, neither was it wholly finished before the pacificacion. And now for the king's better passage they made a bridge over Tweede with boates.

It was supposed the lord generall's goeing with such a power of horse to Dunce, made the Scots come soe soddainely downe, fearing least the king should fall in with fire and sword uppon them, and therefore the(y) pitched soe neare to prevent it.

In the Whi(t)son weeke, I remember not well what day, the lord generall of the horse, with [*a space is left here*] horse and 1,500 foote commanded by Lieutenant-colonel Ernley and Cromewell, went into Scotland to Kellsoe, to descry the army, and what further intentions there were I know not, but the horse over went their foote soe farre, the weather beeing exceeding hott, that they found themselves engaged to the whole Scottsh army, and had beene ruled by some hott heads amongst them, it was thought they had been cut of, ere theire foote could have come up to them, and when they had come, theire march was so long, and they soe weary, they could have given them noe assistance. Soe the lieutenant general, Goring, and Commissary Willmot, perswaded my Lord Holland to retrait, which consideracions, and the king's command by letter to that purpose, caused them to retire.

Then the Scots began to seke the king, but, with their woonted justificacion, neither craving his pardon nor acknowledging any offence.

[June] 6. On Thursday in Whitson weeke they sent the Lord Dumfarlin, a young man, sonne in law to the Lord Morton, with a letter to the lords and a peticion to the king.

## ‘THE PETICION

‘To the king’s most excellent majestie the supplicacion of  
‘his majestie’s subjects of Scotland.

‘Humbly shewing,

‘That where the former meanes used by us, have not beeene  
‘effectuall for the recovering your majestie’s favour, and the peace  
‘of this your majestie’s native kingdome,<sup>54</sup> wee fall downe againe  
‘at your majestie’s feete, most humbly supplicating that your  
‘majestie would bee graciously pleased to appointe some few of the  
‘many worthy men of your majestie’s kingdome of England who are  
‘well affected to the true religion and our common peace, to heare  
‘by some of us of the same affeccion our humble desires, and to make  
‘knowne to us your majestie’s gratiouse pleasure; that as by the  
‘providence of God wee are joyned in one island, under one king,  
‘soe by your majestie’s great wisedome and tender care all mis-  
‘takings may be speedily remooved, and the two kingdomes may  
‘bee kepted in peace and happinesse under your majestie’s long and  
‘prosperous raigne, for which wee shall never cease to pray as be-  
‘comes your majestie’s faithfull subjects.’

## THE LETTER TO THE LORDS.

Wherein it is observable theire ill effeccion to the Lord Arundell,  
lord generall, believing him to bee a papist, therefore they leave  
him out in the endorsement of their letter and super-scribe it

‘To the right honourable the earle of Holland, generall of  
‘the cavallerie, and others of the English nobillity and  
‘counsellours about his majestie.

‘Most noble lords,

‘Although wee have beeene labouring this long time, by our sup-  
‘plicacions, informacions and missives to some of your lordships, to  
‘make knowne to his majestie and the whole kingdome of England  
‘the loyalltie and peaceablenesse of our intentions and desires, and  
‘that wee never meant to deny his majestie, our dread soveraigne  
‘native king, any power of temporall and civil obedience, yet contrary  
‘to our expectacion and hopes, matters to this day growing worse  
‘and worse, both kingdomes are brought to the dangerous and  
‘deplorable condicion wherein they now stand in the sight of the  
‘world. In this extremity wee have sent to his majestie our humble  
‘supplicacions, besides which wee knowe noe other meanes of pacifi-  
‘cation, and doe most humbly and earnestly intreat that it may bee  
‘assisted by your lordships (if it bee possible), by a meeting in some  
‘convenient place of some firme and well affected men to the re-

<sup>54</sup> It is seldom remembered that King Charles I., whose ‘Martyrdom’ was for so many generations commemorated in the Church of England, was not only a Scotsman, by birth, but a Presbyterian in his early training.

'formed religion and to our common peace; that matters may  
'bee accommodated in a faire and peaceable way, and that soe  
'speedily and with such expedicion as that through further delayes  
'(which wee see not how they can bee longer endured) our evills  
'become not incurable.

'We take God and the world to wittnesse, that wee have left noe  
'meanes unessayed to give his majestie and the whole realm of  
'England all just satisfaction, and that wee desire noething but the  
'preservation of our religion and lawes! If that fearefull consequence  
'shall ensue which must bee very neare, except they bee wisely and  
'speedily prevented, we trust that shall not bee imputed unto us, who  
'till this time have beeene following of peace, and who doe in every  
'duetie most ardently desire to shew our selves his majestie's faithfull  
'subjects and

'Your lordship's humble servants,

'Rothesse.	Lothian.
'Lyndesay.	Lowdown.
'Douglas.	Homes.
'James.	Alexander.
'Lentian ( <i>sic</i> ). Brus.	

'Dunce, 6 June, 1639.'

Immediately upon his comming to campe the Lord Dumfarling was brought to the king and humbly on his knee presented the petition to his majestie and the letter to the lord of Holland. I know not with what acceptacion the king received him, I was not by.

But the same night the king retourned this answere by Sir Edmond Verney, knight marshall :

'THE KING'S MAJESTIE having read and considered the humble supplication presented unto him by the earle of Dumfarling, hath commanded mee to retourne this answere. That whereas his majestie hath published a proclamacion to all his subjects of Scotland, whereby hee hath given them full assurance of the free enjoying of the religion and lawes of that kingdome, as likewise a free pardon upon their humble and dutifull obedience, which proclamacion hath hitherto beeene hindered to bee published to most of his majestie's subjects, therefore his majestie requires for the full informacion and satisfaccion of them, that the sayed proclamacion bee publikely read; that beeing done his majestie will bee pleased to heare any humble supplication of his subjects.'

[June] 7. This message delivered, the next day beeing Friday, and the 7th of June, the king's proclamacion was read in the Scotsh campe.

Things were then prepared for a meeting, yet all watches and former dilligence were kept.

[June] 10. The 10 of June, beeing Monday night, it came to my turne amongst others to watch, and in the morning wee waited on

the king over the Tweede to his new trench, it beeing his usuall custome by 5 a clock every morning to ride over thither, and round about the campe.

The same afternoone come the Lord Rothesse, Lord Dumfarling, Lord Lowden, and Sir William Douglass, sherrife of Tivydale, as commissioners from the Scotts, to treat with whom the king should appointe, about the differences and mistakes betweene them.

The king, notwithstanding their secret dislike of the lord generall, commanded the meeting to bee in his tent and his privy counsell in generall (there present with him) to treate with them, and hee him-selfe came in person to the counsell table. Only the Marquisse Hamilton and duke of Lenoux absented themselves both from this meeting and all that ensued.

The first receiving of the Scotts (as they reported in the army) was noething gracious from the king but with frowning and disdaine, as men of rebellious intentions, yet upon their humble demeanor and dutifull speech and addresse to his majestie, hee began to let fall his anger and enter into the buisines: soe they were dismissed for that time.

[June] 13. On Thursday, the 13th, the same persons came againe to the lord generall's tent and brought Mr. Alexander Henderson, the prolocutor of their assembly, with them.

[June] 15. The 15, Saturday morning, they came againe, and Sir William Douglas was absent. Then they dined with the lord generall, and kissed the king's hand, and concluded upon certaine propositions of pacificacion.

[June] 18. On Teusday, the 18, they mett againe and brought the articles signed by their principall covenanters and they were allsoe to bee signed by the king and his councell.

I remember at first (it was sayed) they desired to bee excused for not comming to the campe upon the king's princely word for their safetie, but they desired to have it in writing under his hand and signet, before they would adventure. During the treaty, gentlemene of both armies went every day to visit each other's campe, and they used one anthoner like countreymen and fellow-subjects lovingly and freindly.

[June] 19. On Wednesday the 19th I went to the Scotsh army. It was pitched upon a hill called Dunce-law<sup>55</sup> (because it is the execucion place) neare DUNCE on the north side. It was a place of extraordinary advantage, beeing very steepe, and soe not easily to bee assaulted, though they were not entrenched, (and because wee were, they imputed it to us for a dishonour). On the topp of the hill it was somewhat levell, yet not without an easie descent round about. The army lay round the hill, soe that they made a front every way, and

<sup>55</sup> For a graphic description of the Scottish encampment on Duns-law, see Terry, *Life and Campaigns of Alexander Leslie*, p. 72.

the conveniency of the ground by theire generall's direction affoarded them very commodious hutts, and dry, by making the roofe upwards and the doore downe the hill. Theire Generall Lessley was very courteous to all the English, and at the laird of Aton's<sup>56</sup> house (a small house built of stone somewhat in forme of a castle) neere the campe where hee lay, hee dined as many of the English lords and gentlemen as were there betime and could sitt at his owne table ; and there was a side table for other gentlemen that came in later, and still as one company had dined anthoner sate downe, and they had very goode meate and great plenty, as allsoe of wine, beere, and ale ; and at his own table after dinner hee had a great banquett. There dined with him the earle of Northampton and the earl of Westmoreland, and divers of the king's servants. Immediately after dinner the lord chamberlaine came to the campe, and Generall Lessley went to meet him, and conducted him up to the campe, with much ceremony betwixt them, both ryding bare a great way. The generall was much admired by souldiours for his judgement in encamping and the good discipline of his men. It was a very gracefull sight to behold all the army soe united together in such a ground, and all the souldiours standing to their armes, theire drumme beating and colours flying ; and though one ride often round, yet hee could not without curious observation tell when hee had compassed them, which was a good pollicy of Lessley to beguile men's view, which could not bee satisfied of their number, till as now they had freedome to ride amongst them and goe into their hutts, where they (*sic*) better sort entertained the English courteously, but the ordinary souldiours would looke very bigg with laughing countenances, as imagining wee were happy in the peace, otherwise wee had smarted for it. They were, as Lieutenant-colonell Sydenham informed mee, 92 colours ; I endeavoured to have tould them but could not (because of the circular ryding I could not tell where I began nor ended). Most guessed them to bee about 10 or 12,000 at the most, accounting the Highlanders, whose fantastique habitt caused much gazing by such as have not seene them heerto-fore. They were all or most part of them well timbred men, tall and active, apparrelled in blew woollen wascotts and blew bonnettts. A paire of bases of plad, and stockings of the same, and a paire of pumpes on their feete : a mantle of plad cast over the left shoulder, and under the right arme, a pocquett before for their knapsack, and a paire of durgs<sup>57</sup> on either side the pocquet. They are left to their owne election for their weapons ; some carry onely a sword and targe, others musquetts, and the greater part bow and arrowes, with a quiver to hould about 6 shafts, made of the maine of a goat or colt, with the haire hanging on, and fastned by some belt or such like, soe as it appeares allmost a taile to them. Theise were about

<sup>56</sup> The words, 'Laird of Dunse, a Hume,' are written in the margin of the document.

<sup>57</sup> Dirks, an early use of the word. Cf. N.E.D.

1,000, and had bagg-pipes (for the most part) for their warlick instruments. The Laird Buchannan was theire leader. Theire ensignes had strange devices and strange words, in a language unknowne to mee, whether their owne or not I know not. The ensignes of the other Scotts had the St. Andrew's crosse in which this word: ' Covenant for Religion, Crowne and Country.' The Generall Lessley's ensigne had for his device a bible, crossed through with two scepters, and a crowne set upon it, with this word, *Tuemur legibus et armis jure divino et civili*. Hee had a very strong and souldiour-like guard from the doore of his house a great way in length, in 2 divided files, much more stately and secure than our king, all thinges in soe good equipage. After the Lord Chamberlaine had viewed the army Lessley retourned with him to his house, and there entertained him with a great banquett: all the Scotts much affecting the lord chamberlaine, because they found him their friende, and ready to incline the king and councell to pacification in favour of what the Scotts desired. The confidence of the Scotts in theire cause, and experience of their generall, was of much more value to them than theire strength, for of their 12,000 souldiours theire was not one that had any defensive armes, not soe much as a head peice, and as for their offensive weapons, their musquettts were many of them burding peeces, and their pykes but halfe ones, and very many young boyes amongst them to mannage them. Indeed the campe was not easy to bee assaulted, and the plaine round about the hill for a mile or two was soe strewed with great stones naturally, that art could not have made a better defence against our horse (wherein was our greatest strength), and to helpe them more, the generall caused every musquetier, instead of a rest, to carry a short staffe shod with iron at both ends to stick sloaping into the ground for pallisadoes against our horse: but all theise preparations and great lookes upon one ananother ended in a treaty, and soe upon the 20th of June the Scotsh army broke up.

And upon the 22 of June, beeing Saturday, the king retourned to Barwick and the army was dissbanded, onely theire was retained a garrison of [*a space left here*] in Barwick under the command of [*a space left here*].

And another garrison in Carlile of [*a space left here*] under the command of [*a space left here*].

[June] 21. The 21, beeing Friday, I came from Barwick and lay that night at one Carr's, in Anwick, where formerly I had layen.

[June] 22. The next day the 22, and Saturday, I came to Newcastle and lay at one Bambridge's.

[June] 23. The 23, Sonday, I went to Durham and lay at one Midcalfe's.

[June] 24. The 24, Monday, I went to a place called Caterick and lay at the poast master's.

[June] 25. The 25, Teusday, I came to RIPPON first, where there is a cathedrall church subordinate to Durham, and built very like it.

Our countrey man, Dr. Dod,<sup>58</sup> is deane thereof. This towne is famous for spurs: the best woorkeman now is one Harman, and two brothers called Portars. One Warwick was accounted the best woorkman, but hee is now remooved to Burroughbrigge.

This night I lodged at Ripley.

[June] 26. The 26, Wednesday, I came to BRADFORD, a towne that makes great store of Turkey cushiones and carpetts; heere I lay all night in pravate man's house, a tanner, who sometimes gave entertainement to travellers. The wett weather kept mee heere all this day and a good part of the next.

[June] 27. The 27, Thursday, I came to HALLIFAX, a pretty well built towne of stone, and consists much of clothiers, to encourage whose trade was graunted that priviledge of heading, by the towne law, any malefactour taken (as they say) hand-napping,<sup>59</sup> back bearing, or confessing the felony. Theire heading blocke is a little out of towne westward: it is raised upon a little forced ascent of some halfe a dozen stepps and is made in forme of a narrow gallowes, having two ribbs downe either side post, and a great waightie block with riggallds<sup>60</sup> for those ribbs to shoote in, in the bottome of which blocke is fastned a keene edged hatchet; then the block is drawne up by a pulley and a cord to the crosse on the topp and the malefactor layes his head on the block below; then they let runne the stock with the hatchet in, and dispatch him immediately.

Heere is one of the fairest innes in England called the Crosse, because it stands right against the Crosse (I think), now kept by a widdow woeman, one . . . .

[June] 28. The 28, beeing Friday, I came to Mr. Holywell's, in Manchester.

[June] 29. The 29, Saturday, I came to Aston. *Laus Deo.*

There is a prettie church at Hallifax, wherein I found this epitaph on their quondam parson, Dr. Favor:

*Jo. Favor, LL.Doct. medici peritiss. et hujus ecclesiae pastoris  
vigilantissimi epitaphium.*

*Corpora et ægrotant animæ, fremit undique rixa,  
Scilicet orba suo turba Favore jacet;  
En pastor medicusque obiit, jurisque peritus.  
I sequere in cælis qui modō salvus eris.*

<sup>58</sup> Thomas Dod, D.D., dean of the collegiate church of Ripon, was chaplain of Charles I., and successively held the preferments of rector of Astbury and of Malpas, prebendary of Chester and archdeacon of Richmond. He was buried at Malpas 10th Feb., 1647/8.

<sup>59</sup> The proper phrase is handhabend and backberand, *i.e.*, carrying in the hand or on the back.

<sup>60</sup> Riggot = a narrow channel. Wright, *English Dialect Dictionary*.

And the clark of the church there thought hee had done well too, when hee wrote this following of his wife and sonne :

‘ An epitaph<sup>61</sup> upon Ester late the wife of Edmond Brearecliffe of Halyfax who died Jun 16, 1629, [and] upon Favour their sonne who dyed Mar. 5, 1628, and were heere under buried.

‘ Heere rest three saints, the one a little brother  
 ‘ The Favour of his scarce surviving mother,  
 ‘ Then shee expir’d and bore unto her toome  
 ‘ An unborne infant coffin’d in her woombe.’

In passing betweene Barwick and Dunce over the bounde<sup>62</sup> roade, there is close upon it, Mornington,<sup>63</sup> a small towne Sir James Dowglasse his (*sic*) and hee hath a prettie house by it, which was allmost right against our campe.

Neere the roade betwixt it and the Tweede is Etherington,<sup>64</sup> or Cawe Milnes,<sup>65</sup> a small little house remarkable for noething, but that (as I was tould) it was taken from the Scotts the same day that Cales<sup>66</sup> was lost.

Next there is the hall of Comelidge<sup>67</sup> (as they call it) little better than a good farmer’s, yet it is the habitation of a laird: and well it may bee accounted stately comparatively with husbandmen’s houses, which resemble our swine coates; few or none of them have more stories to their building than one, and that very low and covered usually with clodds of earth; the people and habit are suitable to their dwellings. Theire woemen (who at this present were onely visible) goe without linnen, clad in a kinde of white flannion, and petti-coate bodies, and upon there heads a kercher with the corner behinde hanging loose and unpinned.

I was with my landlord, where I lay in Barwick, at a place called Fleck,<sup>68</sup> where a prime kinsewoeman of his, the Lady Williamson, a

<sup>61</sup> These two epitaphs have been collated with the originals, still remaining in Halifax church, by Mr. E. W. Crossley, who has published a valuable volume dealing with the monumental inscriptions of Halifax.

<sup>62</sup> Berwick-bounds-road, still periodically ridden by the Mayor and Corporation of Berwick, when they ride the bounders.

<sup>63</sup> Mordington, the first parish in Scotland to be entered on leaving the liberties of Berwick.

<sup>64</sup> Edrington (still locally pronounced Ethrington) in the parish of Mordington.

<sup>65</sup> This name survives in Cadderstanes, close by.

<sup>66</sup> Calais.

<sup>67</sup> Cumledge, a small estate on the Whitadder, two miles from Duns.

<sup>68</sup> No such place as Fleck is now known, nor is it noted either on Pont’s or Armstrong’s map of Berwickshire. The small estate of Oxendeane was held by a family named Auchinleck (Scottish pronunciation Affleck) in the 18th century, and there is a wood near by called Flecks or Flecksie to this day. *Ex inf.* Mr. John Ferguson.

Lincolne-shire woman lived. It was neere Dunce and the Scotsh army, and hither my landlord carryed his wife and my selfe, as an especiall favour, to the topp of his kinred to bee entertained, but wee found noething worthy that name. The lady was now the widdow of a Scotsh knight, a very meane homely woeman, and in a house liker a dungeon than the dwelling of a laird (as it was). Shee was wrapped in a plad mantle to hide a poore tattered gowne. There were two red haire gentlewoemen, her daughters (I take it), with her as homely apparrelld as herselfe. And there wee had a cupp of poore smoakie drinke, and a livery napkin, much like a postillion's livery, indeed, for cleanliness; and when wee came into the parlour out of the ladie's towre, where shee lodged, there was hanging a couple of muttons, lately killed, and the roome was soe smoakie I could not endure to stay in't. My landlord was ashamed of his wellcome and our entertainement. The greatest vertue I observed in the lady was her fervent zeale to the covenant, which shee affirmed was soe backed with God Almighty's immediate blessings that hee had manifested himselfe in miracles to confirme them in their stout defence and maintenance of his truth. One was, when the crowne, scepter and other regall ornaments were remooved from Dalkeith to Holy-rude house (whence they were taken when the Lord Marquess Hamiltoun, as his majestie's commissioner lay there), God Allmighty (as they carried them in solemme manner) marched before them in a pillar of a cloude. Another was, when they were in great want of bulletts there was accidentally discovered a hill of stones that were naturally round and fittly served some for muskett and some for pistolls. And a third was, though all those men had layen there a moneth, or six weeks, encamped, yet never any of them had so much as a finger aked during the time. Theise reports shee uttered with great zeale and faith, as commonly woemen are credulous, and vehement upon what they place their affeccions; but I believe there was few of those reports true if they had been examined: it was but passion in the lady which made her, and many thousands more, believe such lying fables: it beeing the onely way to winne weake woemen and the vulgar, who are commonly more superstitiously than judicially devout.

#### SCOTSH COINES.

One penny English—a shilling Scotsh. Twenty pence English—a pound Scotsh.

#### Small Coines of Brasse.

Bothwells—vi. make a penny English. Placks—3 make a penny English. Atchinsons—3 make two pence English.

Thirteene pence halfe penny English, is a Scotsh marke; but they account the Scotsh marke thirteen pence English and one of their placks.

Halfe marke Scotsh—sixepence English and an atchinson.

The quarter of an English thirteene pence halfe penny, called in Scot a 40-penny piece, and is in value 3*d.* English and a plack.

The halfe of that is called a 20-penny piece and is 1*d.* *ob.* English and a bothwell.

#### Scotsh Liquid Measure.

A pinte English—a mutchskin Scotsh. A quart English—a choppin Scotsh. A pottle English—a pinte Scotsh. A gallon English—a quart Scotsh.

#### Dry Measures.

A fortpeck—the fourth part of a peck. A peck English—two gallons 2 quarts and 1 pinte. A kennion is 4 pecks. 2 kennions is a bushell. 2 bushell is a bowle. A last, by water, is 16 bowles; by land, but 15 bowles. 15 bowles land measure beeing æquall to 16 bowles water measure.

At Yorke, 8 gallons make a bushell. At Durham 12 gallons make a bushell.

The number of miles I went in my journey into the North.

						Miles.
From Rissley to Nottingham	...	...	...	...	...	6
To Mansfield	...	...	...	...	...	12
To Doncaster	...	...	...	...	...	20
To Ferribrigg	...	...	...	...	...	19
To Yorke	...	...	...	...	...	8
To Topcliffe	...	...	...	...	...	17
To Northallerton	...	...	...	...	...	7
To Dar[ <i>l</i> ]ington	...	...	...	...	...	10
To Cottam	...	...	...	...	...	3
To Durham	...	...	...	...	...	11
To Flash	...	...	...	...	...	3
To New-Castle	...	...	...	...	...	12
To Stannington	...	...	...	...	...	9
To Morpitt	...	...	...	...	...	3
To Anwick	...	...	...	...	...	12
To Belford	...	...	...	...	...	12
To Anwick back againe	...	...	...	...	...	12
To Belford back againe	...	...	...	...	...	12
To Gosswick	...	...	...	...	...	7
To Holy Island	...	...	...	...	...	3
To Barwick	...	...	...	...	...	6
To the Scotsh Campe	...	...	...	...	...	9
To Barwick back againe	...	...	...	...	...	9
To Anwick	...	...	...	...	...	24
To New-Castle	...	...	...	...	...	24

						Miles.
To Durham	...	...	...	...	...	12
To Kirke Merrington	...	...	...	...	...	5
To Peirces-brigg	...	...	...	...	...	9
To Caterick-brigg	...	...	...	...	...	7
To Caterick-towne	...	...	...	...	...	1
To Rippon	...	...	...	...	...	5
To Rippley	...	...	...	...	...	6
<i>Summa milliarum</i> ...						325
To Poole	...	...	...	...	...	8
To Bradford	...	...	...	...	...	6
To Hallifax	...	...	...	...	...	6
To Battens	...	...	...	...	...	5
To Rochdale	...	...	...	...	...	8
To Manchester	...	...	...	...	...	8
To Aston	...	...	...	...	...	... <sup>69</sup>

<sup>69</sup> No number is given.

# SELECTIONS FROM THE DIARY OF CHRISTOPHER SANDERSON OF BARNARD CASTLE.<sup>1</sup>

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## INTRODUCTION.

As may be seen by referring to the accompanying pedigree, Christopher Sanderson, the diarist, was born at Barnard Castle in the year 1617, being the third son of Philip Sanderson, a substantial haberdasher in that town. Whether he followed his father's occupation is unknown, but he married young and became wealthy, was made a justice of the peace for the county of Durham, purchased an estate at Eggleston in the year 1659, and entered his pedigree at Dugdale's *Visitation* in 1666. By his three marriages he had a numerous family and was able to give three of his sons a university education.

As a justice, he was one of those who unsuccessfully withheld Bishop Cosin's resolution to withdraw the privilege granted to the county of Durham during the Commonwealth of returning to Parliament knights of the shire and burgesses.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The manuscript diary entrusted to the Editor by the owner, Sir Jonathan Backhouse, bart., had been transcribed and made ready for the printer, when it was pointed out that in 1906 Mr. F. C. Beazley, F.S.A., had contributed to the twenty-second volume of the *Genealogist* a paper entitled 'The Diary and Pedigree of Christopher Sanderson of Eggleston,' carefully prepared from an original MS. in the possession of Mrs. G. R. Clover.

On comparing the versions the Editor found himself convinced that the last mentioned copy was the older of the two.

After consulting Mr. Beazley it was resolved to print those entries only which relate to events of public interest, to refer the readers to the aforesaid volume of the *Genealogist* for the Sanderson family register and to omit the register of the weather which occupies a full half of the diary.

The Editor desires to record his obligation to Mr. Beazley who, with great kindness, has collated the proofs with Mrs. Clover's MS., which has been followed when the readings of the two versions disagree.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. i. p. 540.

The Egglestone estate, acquired from Toby Ewbank of that place, by deed dated 25 January, 1659, was settled on the marriage of the diarist's eldest son, Cuthbert Sanderson, with Frances, elder daughter of William Fielding. The trustees of the settlement, which is dated 21 June, 1670, were : Christopher Musgrave, esq., Basil Fielding, gent., Francis Sanderson, merchant, and William Aubone, merchant. The property was sold 31st January, 1726, by the diarist's grand-son, Christopher Sanderson, to Robert Coatsworth, described as 'brother and heir of William Coatsworth deceased,' who had advanced the large sum of 7,057*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* on account of the vendor.

The diarist was father of Robert Sanderson, who, after being educated at Brignal school and at St. John's college, Cambridge, became first assistant, and afterwards joint, editor of Rymer's *Foedera*. Robert Sanderson also published a volume of *Original Letters of William III*. He was clerk of the Chapel of the Rolls and usher of the High Court of Chancery, and in 1727 succeeded to Armathwaite castle under the will of his elder brother William. He died at his house in Chancery Lane on the 25 December, 1741, and as he gave the family estates to a grand-son of his sister, Margaret Milburn, it is probable that the male descendants of the diarist had already failed.

## LESTON.

April, 1607; proved 1608 (a). = .....

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Bathatherine, of [Wil- (g) Fielding Oartforth, w a god- N, 16th pr 1672/3 listed 8th Fra 1688; D at Eg- 30 (a). (b)	Margaret, baptised 12th August, 1619 (b); buried 24th March, 1621/2 (b). Mary, baptised 14th Oct., 1621 (b); buried 2nd Feb., 1626/7 (b). Eleanor, baptised 24th No- vember, 1622 (b); married first, 11th October, 1646, Thomas Gifford (or Jeffrey) of Gateshead (b) (g), and secondly, William Webster (g).	
Cuthcis Sanderson, torn 21st, baptised Dth May, 1647 (a) tis. (b) ge Sanderson, 16rn 14th (a), bap- (bed 15th Janu- esy, 1648/9 (b). ↓ hi	Catherine, born at Wyck- liffe, 25th June, 1645 (a); married William Aubone of Newcastle, alderman, and died in London, 24th August, 1685 (a). ↓ Hannah, born 7th Sept., 1650 (a); died 15th (a), buried 16th Oct. 1652 (b).	
Chrine, 1679 (b); married Thomas Wrightson (i). 16rd November, 1681 (b); married Robert Mm).		

Chri ames 4t 1 16 30 Chr John's er Camb. 1 16 7 7 ru 1 7 la ru 1 td	Sanderson, born at Eggleston 19th December, 1664 (a); edu- cated at Charter- house and at St. John's College, Cambr.; matricu- lated 24th Aug., 1683. Joseph Sanderson, intwin with James, at born 19th Decem- labor, 1664 (a); of St. John's College, Cambr.; matricu- lated 3rd April, 1683.	A daughter, born and died 6th Sept., 1654 (a) (b). Margaret, married at Eg- gleston 22nd September, 1679 (a), Henry Milburn of Newcastle. ↓ Dorothy, was 5 years of age in 1666 (g); living 15th October, 1686 (a); married [before 11th June, 1687 ... Fielding (a), and secondly] Ed- mund Norton (h). Elizabeth, sixteenth child, born at Eggleston, 21st May, 1666 (a); died 30th (a), buried 31st March, 1667 (c).
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(a) *Visitation of Durham, 1666.*(b) *Familiae Minorum Gentium, vol. III, p. 872.*(b) *Archaeological Notes and Queries, p. 165.*



## D I A R Y.

Memorandum, that I was married the 4th day of March, 1640, to Christian Thursby.<sup>3</sup>

Lieute.-general Oliver Cromwell came into Barnard Castle upon Tuesday, the 24th day of October, 1648,<sup>4</sup> and went to Richmond the next day. There went out of Barnard-castle to mee him and ridd before him into the town, and soe conducted him into his lodgeing and presented him with burnt wine [and] short cake:—Anthony Martindale, Matthew Stodart, Cuthbert Raine, Robert Hutton, Francis Hutchinson, William Hutton, Morgan Rowlandson, Thomas Heslop, Samuell Martindaile, George Dayle, John Lively, William Wharton.

Memorandum, that in August, 1648, when the kinge's party marched through Barnard-castle, I hterc Reptt ffcl vcy god adn found ell the acualeers.<sup>5</sup>

Memorandum, that upon the 25 October, 1648, I was taken by a warrant from George Lilburne<sup>6</sup> and bound over to answer the first jale delivery or assize.

Memorandum, that I was taken the second time, 1648, by George Whitfield, quartermaster to Captain Adam Shipson,<sup>7</sup> upon Saturday evening, the 10th February, 1648/9.

It is to be remembered that the year 1652 was an extraordinarie drie summer and harvest in which yeare the 29 of March was a greatt eclipse of the sunne; I see stars betwixt ten and eleven [o']clocke in the morneing. It was soe dry a yeare that att the 28 day of October verey manie wells had little or noe water in them, and people went dry-shod over the Teese, and noe corne to be gott in at the 29th of August about Barnard-castle that yeere.

Tuesday, the 29th of March, 1653. It is to bee remembred that my deare wife, Christian Sanderson, departed this life in Barnard

<sup>3</sup> A pedigree of Thursby of Woolhouse, near Barnard Castle, is given in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. part 1, p. 95.

<sup>4</sup> 'On October 14 [1648] Cromwell was at Carlisle. After a short delay he marched into Yorkshire where he took up his quarters at Knottingley.' Gardiner, *Civil War*, vol. iii. p. 493. He was at Pontefract on the 9th November. Carlyle, *Cromwell's Letters*, letter lxxiv.

<sup>5</sup> I heard Ralph Fel say, God confound all cavaleers. Cf. Mr. F. C. Beazley's paper, *Genealogist*, vol. xxii. p. 25.

<sup>6</sup> For some notices of Captain George Lilburn, see Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. pp. 21, 178, 179, 388.

<sup>7</sup> Adam Shipperdson of Monkwearmouth, second son of William Shipperdson of Bishopwearmouth, bore a captain's commission under Cromwell. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. i. p. 114.

Castle, in William Wharton's house, and was interred in Barnard Castle church the 31st day, in the pue, or stall, where my father sitts. Mr. George Sanderson<sup>8</sup> preached her funerall sermon.

It is to be remembred that my second wife was called Margaret Webster, daughter to Robertt Webster of Hartenpoole, merchant. Wee were married at Langley Hall at my cossen Gab. Jackson's upon the 15th day of September, 1653, and that night went to Hartenpoole.

Monday, February the 10th, 1667, my deare wife Margaret departed this life at Egleston, and was interred in Egleston chappel in the quire the 13th day. Mr. Timothy Tully<sup>9</sup> preached her funeral sermon; his text was out of Romans viii., 10, which shee named her selfe.

There was above four hundred red deer in Teasdale-forest at Rood-day,<sup>10</sup> 1673, but the winter following being such a great snow, they were all lost to betweene forty and fifty.

Sunday, the 18 of January, 1673/4, the moon being in the last quarter that night, was cast away upon the coast of Northumberland thirty nine saile of shippes, whereof sixteen did belong to Newcastle and Sheels, and those of their best shippes.

1674 . . . If great quantity of rye and other grain had not come in at Newcastle and Stockton, undoubtedly we had had a great famine in Westmorland and Cumberland, Bishoprik, Northumberland, and the North Rideing of Yorkshire. Not many oats were reepeed and got in to the barn before St. Luke day, but the most out then, and some barley to sheare after St. Luke's day.

In all the wells about the market place in Barnard Castle at the 17 of October, 1676, there was not water in them sufficient to serve for the steeping of their big for malt. I was at Raby the 16, and the pipes in the castle were dry and did not run any water. On the 17 of September Mr. Robert Branthwait's wife did cast herself of Pendragon castle<sup>11</sup> and broake her back and some of her limbes, and within two days dyed.

November 12, 1676, being Sunday, Mr. Francis Tunstall's<sup>12</sup> house, in a high chamber, over the dineing-room, there being about 23

<sup>8</sup> Mr. George Sanderson was the Commonwealth, or intruding, vicar of Gainford.

<sup>9</sup> Timothy Tullie, M.A., vicar of Middleton-in-Teesdale, 1660-1700. He married, 10th December, 1650, Elizabeth Hutton of Streatlam; *Proceedings of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries*, vol. viii. p. 222.

<sup>10</sup> Holy-rood-day, or Exaltation of Holy Cross, is on the 14th of September.

<sup>11</sup> The castle of Pendragon, or Mallerstang, is in the parish of Kirkby Stephen in Westmorland.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Francis Tunstall of Scargill and Wycliffe, who was 28 years of age in 1665, married Cecily, daughter of John Constable, Viscount Dunbar; their second son, Cuthbert Tunstall, assumed the name of Constable on succeeding to the estates of his uncle, William, fourth Viscount Dunbar. Cf. Harrison, *Yorkshire*, p. 301.

persons at devotion, a dormer fell down and hert most of them all. Mrs. Tunstall had her legges broken, and she died on the Satturday sennet at night afterwerds.

March the 22nd, 1678, Christopher Hawden,<sup>13</sup> the attorney, and Edmond Bunny,<sup>14</sup> at the smith house, Wakefield, were drinking hard; and in the evening they went into the back side, and how they quarrelled is not knowne, but Hawdon was runne almost thorow and came (*sic*) fell down betwixt doors, and lived but about two or three hours, and Bunny had two or three wounds of him in the breast and lived till Monday at night.

October 15, 1680, my daughter, Margartt Milburne, was brought to bed of her first child in Newcastle in son Aubone's house, and was called Henry. Mr. Newton and sonne Aubone, godfathers, and sister Jane Robson, godmother.<sup>15</sup>

Friday, the 5th May, 1682, the Gloucester friget, wherein the Duke of Yorke was goeing for Scotland, was runne upon Lemonds Sands . . . ; there was three persons of quality drowned, and about 130 seamen, and severall of the duke's officers drowned. After the duke was gone out of her, she rouled into 15 fathoms water and presently after sunke downe.<sup>16</sup>

Thursday, July 27, 1682, Mr. Brokell dyed and Mr. Chapman entered July 30th, being Sunday, and preached.<sup>17</sup>

Parson Roberts died at Rumbald-kirke the 6th September, 1682.

<sup>13</sup> There was a family of the name of Hawdon at this period in the city of Durham, some member of which was called Christopher. Cf. *Register of Durham Cathedral*, ed. White, p. 40. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. part 2, p. 149.

<sup>14</sup> *Query*, Edmund Bunny of University College, Oxford, and of Newland, in the parish of Wakefield, born *circa* 1622. Cf. Hunter, *Familiae Minorum Gentium*, vol. ii. p. 610.

<sup>15</sup> This boy was apprenticed to his godfather and uncle, William Aubone of Newcastle, mercer, on the 1st December, 1696, was admitted free of the Merchants' Company on the 3rd February, 1707, and died *circa* 1715. Among the other issue of the marriage of Henry Milburn with Margaret Sanderson were Mathias, Samuel, Thomas, Jonathan, Dorothy, afterwards wife of Christopher Mickleton, and Hannah, wife of John Jackson, all of whom, save Thomas, were alive and were mentioned in the will of William Sanderson of Armathwaite Castle, dated 3rd July, 1726. William Milburn, the grandson of Margaret Milburn mentioned in the text (son of Thomas), was of Lincoln's Inn, barrister-at-law and recorder of Carlisle, and succeeded to Armathwaite Castle in 1753, on the death of his great-uncle Robert Sanderson's widow. The Milburn arms are over the door of the castle.

<sup>16</sup> 'James sailed on 3rd May [1682] to fetch home his duchess from Scotland in the Gloucester frigate (a 'third rate'). The Gloucester was wrecked on the Yorkshire coast, with great loss of life. James was afterwards accused of having taken particular care of his strong-box, his dogs, and his priests, while Legge with drawn sword kept off the other passengers.' Memoir of James II., *Dictionary of National Biography*. The Leman sands are south of the Yorkshire coast.

<sup>17</sup> John Brockell (of St. John's College, Cambridge, matriculated, 9th May, 1662, aged 18), perpetual curate of Barnard Castle from 1673 until his death. He was succeeded by John Chapman, who was presented to the vicarage of Wycliffe and died in 1703.

Parson Hilton<sup>18</sup> was inducted to the said parsonage the . . . of October, being Sunday, and preached; his text the I Corinthians. iv. 1. After, he had a great feast, and many invited. He brought his wife first to Rumbald the 9 of November, 1682; she got a fall, of horseback, after she was over Egleston bridg, going up the banke, and hurt her head. Hee fell sick the next day, at afternoon, and dyed there on Tuesday, being the 14 of November, 1682.

My sonne in law, William Aubone,<sup>19</sup> was elected alderman at Newcastle, Monday, the 11 of June, 1683.

Friday, ye 6 Feb. 1684/5, King Charles the 2nd died at Westminster between 11 and 12 in the forenoone. The duke of Yorke spoke these words following ye same afternoone, ' Now the Crowne is descended upon mee, I doe declare never to alter the government as is now established in Church and State, and I will saacrifice ye last drop of my blood to maintaine ye protestant religion, and, as farr as in mee lyeth, I will follow my late brother's example,' and more not here sett down.

The same day at 4 in the afternoon he was proclaimed king in London; and att Durham, Wednesday, the 11th of February; and at Auckland, Thursday, the 12th of February; at Darlington, Monday, the 16th February; and at Barnard Castle, ye 18th of February, 1684/5.

My daughter, Katherine Aubony, sailed in the Pink, Friday, the 23rd July, and was nine or ten days at sea.

August 24, 1685, my daughter, Katherine Aubony, then beeing Mrs. Mairis of Newcastle, dyed in London, in the forenoon, in a flux of rume that choaked her in her throat; begun about 10 a clocke, and dyed about 12. She was shamefully neglected by her husband's sister, Besse White (*alias* Elliott), that wente to London to attend her: she had but the opinion of one surgeon.

Deane Thomas Musgrave<sup>20</sup> dyed about ye 26th March, 1686, and Sr. Joseph Cradock<sup>21</sup> dyed Sunday forenoone, being Easter-day, ye 4th April, 1686.

<sup>18</sup> Alexander Hilton, son of Lancelot Hilton, was curate of Denton, 1674-1682. Cf. Longstaffe, *Darlington*, p. xxxix, and also Hilton pedigree, No. VI.

<sup>19</sup> William Aubone, son of Thomas Aubone of Newcastle, master and mariner, apprenticed 25th April, 1655, to George Dobson of Newcastle, mercer, admitted free of Merchants Company, 16th Aug. 1665; alderman of Newcastle, 1683; mayor, 1684; died 29th September, 1700. Among the names of his successive apprentices entered in the books of the Company of Merchant Adventurers, were (his nephew) William Aubone, 1688, and his wife's nephews, Henry Milburn, 1696, and William Milburn, 1700.

<sup>20</sup> Dr. Thomas Musgrave of Queen's College, Oxford, fifth son of Sir Philip Musgrave of Edenhall, bart., rector of Whitburn, 1675-1686; prebendary of the third stall in Durham Cathedral, 1675-1686; dean of Carlisle, 1684-1686; died, 28th March, 1686, aged 46, and was buried in the north aisle of Durham Cathedral, where there is a monument to his memory.

<sup>21</sup> Sir Joseph Cradock, knight, commissary of the archdeaconry of Richmond, father of Dean Musgrave's second wife, was buried at Richmond on the 16th (?) April, 1686, aged 81.

1686, July 29, I went that day to the assizes at Durham with Sir William Bowes<sup>22</sup> in his coach. And I went Saturday the last of July to Newcastle, and stayed till Monday; dined at Justice Carr's and came and layed at Streatham castle all night, and got home the next day.

Jan. 13, 1686/7, being Thursday, my sonne William was marryed at Galthrop hall<sup>23</sup> with cosen John Tempest's daughter, Mis. Dorothy, and came to me at Barnard Castle the 5th of February following.

May the 2nd, 1687, my grandchild, Christopher Sanderson,<sup>24</sup> sett forwards for Oxford betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning. His father went along with him, and for a servant Pinkeney junior, and returned the 14th of June.

July 27, 1687. Sir Richard Shuttleworth died at Gawthorp in the smale-pox on Wednesday morning.<sup>25</sup>

<sup>22</sup> For a pedigree of Bowes of Streatlam see Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. part 1, p. 107.

<sup>23</sup> Gawthorp in Whalley was the seat of Sir Richard Shuttleworth, whose wife was also a daughter of John Tempest of Old Durham.

After his first wife's death, William Sanderson married Elizabeth, daughter of William Howard of Corby, but had no issue by either marriage. About the year 1712, he purchased Armathwaite Castle in Cumberland, and at his death was seised of property at Whorlton, Aldborough, etc. His will, dated 3rd July, 1726, with a codicil added 14th May, 1727, was proved at York on the 1st March, 1728/9. After making provision for his wife and others, he gives his real estate at Armathwaite in Cumberland, Aldborough, Yorks, the manor of Whorlton and lands of Whorley-hill near Barnard Castle, to his brother Robert with successive remainders over to his nephews Milburn. He gives the residue to Dame Catherine Shuttleworth in token of grateful remembrance and affection.

Lady Catherine Shuttleworth made her will on the 19th Aug., 1727, and gave all her personal estate in trust for Mathias Milburn of Armathwaite, gent., and William Milburn, son of Thomas Milburn deceased. The will was proved at York, 1st March, 1728/9.

<sup>24</sup> Christopher Sanderson, son of Cuthbert Sanderson of Eggleston, esq., of Queen's College, Oxford, matriculated 12th May, 1687, aged 15. Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses*.

Cuthbert Sanderson of Eggleston, died 1st April, 1690, and on the 10th of the same month an inventory of his personal estate was taken, amounting to £114 12s. 4d., chiefly of farming stock; and administration of his goods was granted at Durham in May of the same year to Frances Sanderson, the widow. She was buried in the chancel of the old chapel of Eggleston, near the communion table, and the following epitaph can still be read.

HERE LYES FRANCES | SANDERSON RELICT | TO CUTH : SANDERSON | ESQ. WHO  
DEPARTED | THIS LIFE THE 27 OF AP. | 1695 AETATIS SVÆ 44 | VXOR CASTA  
PARENTS FELIX | MATRONA PVD... | SARA VIRO MVNDO MARTHA | MARIA DEO |  
TWO CHRISTIANS | VNDER THIS ARE LAYD | THE ONE STILL LIVES | THE OTHERS  
DEAD | CHRISTIAN SANDER | SON BORNE 25 IAN | 1678 DIED THE 21 | OF . . . . .  
1685 |

<sup>25</sup> Sir Richard Shuttleworth, married, July 28th, 1684, Margaret, daughter of John Tempest of Old Durham (*Kirkmerrington Register*) and was therefore a brother-in-law of the Diarist's son William.

Whitaker, *History of Whalley*, p. 340, notes a popular story which had lingered to his time, apparently of Sir Richard Shuttleworth's father, 'that the ages of himself, his lady and oldest child did not exceed thirty-one years.'

April 8, being Sunday, 1688, my wife Katherine<sup>26</sup> dyed; and was buried in Egleston chapel under the communion table the Tuesday following, and was carryed to church by Sir William Bowes, Mr. John Bowes, Mr. Edward Hudleston, Mr. John Dale, Mr. Thomas Watson, my sonne Mr. Thomas Wickeliffe, and my four sons, Cuthbert, William, Robert and James. And all had alamood scarfes, three yards apeece, and Mr. Chancellor Tully<sup>27</sup> had likewise a scarfe, and all the gentry had sweet-meats.

Wednesday, the 25 of July, 1688, Robert<sup>28</sup> and James did rise out of bed and went and lay out. On Thursdayith evening Robert came in, and James came not in till Friday night, and they both gave their promise under their hands never to do the like but to abhorre drinking; which writing I shall keep as a recognission against them if ever they doe the like again.

<sup>26</sup> She was the Diarist's third wife and apparently a daughter of William Fielding of Startforth and sister of Israel Fielding of that place. If this were so, father and son married sisters. See Fielding pedigree in Harrison's *Yorkshire*, p. 392.

<sup>27</sup> Mr. Thomas Tullie, chancellor of Carlisle, 1683-1727, and also dean from 1716 to his death in January, 1726/7.

<sup>28</sup> A youthful escapade of the future archaeologist and learned joint editor of Rymer's *Foedera*, already mentioned in the introduction. According to the *Dictionary of National Biography*, he married four times. He died, *s.p.*, 25th Dec., 1741. By his will, dated the 5th Dec., 1741, and proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on the 29th of the same month, he gives the castle, manor and estate of Armathwaite, his lands at Whorlton and at Aldbrough, etc., to his wife for her life, and then to his great-nephew William Milburn of Lincoln's Inn. Cf. Mr. Beazley's paper on the 'Diary and Pedigree of Christopher Sanderson,' *Genealogist*, vol. xxii. p. 82.

# DIARY OF JACOB BEE OF DURHAM.

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## INTRODUCTION.

Jacob Bee, whose diary is printed in the following pages, was a native of the city of Durham and was baptized in the church of St. Margaret, Crossgate, on the 19th of June, 1636, as son of Nicholas Bee, whose marriage with Margaret Ussie, widow, had taken place in the same church on the 15th of June, 1624. Bred a skinner and glover, there are suggestions in the diary that at one period of his life he may have kept an ale-house: at all events he did a little brewing, the 'grains' being sold by his wife after each brewing. He was possessed of a stable and loft which were let off to one William Drury. When about twenty-two years of age he married Elizabeth Rabbet, the banns of marriage being published in the market place at Durham on the 28 of January 1657/8. What is known of his family is set out in the accompanying pedigree.

He did not prosper in business, and at the age of 65 he became an out-pensioner of the hospital of Sherburn-house. Dying in 1711, he was buried at St. Margaret's in Durham on the 11th of January of that year.

It is not known whether the original diary exists, but happily a small edition consisting, it is said, of only twenty copies, was printed for private circulation by Sir Cuthbert Sharp. One of these copies is in the possession of the editor. It comprises only thirty-three octavo pages, issued in a plain paper cover.

## BEE OF DURHAM.

Janet Haslebe, mar- = NICHOLAS BEE of the = Barbara Ussie, widow, mar-  
ried 12th June, 1621 parish of St. Margaret, ried 15th June, 1624  
(a). Durham. (a).

Ralph Bee, bap- Jacob Bee of Cross- = Elizabeth Rabbet, banns Barbara,  
tised 31st gate, Durham, bap- of marriage published in bapt. 5th  
October, 1627 tised 19th June, the Market Place, 28th March,  
(a). 1636 (a). January, 1657/8 (a). 1629 (a).

Elizabeth Harason, mar- = Nicholas Bee of Durham, = ..... Jacob Bee,  
ried 5th July, 1681 afterwards of Garrigill in bapt. 24th  
(a); died 10th April, the parish of Alston, bap- April, 1664  
1684 (b). tised 22nd July, 1658 (a). (a).

Ann Bee, mar- = Richard Coul- Jacob Bee, Margaret, baptised 23rd October,  
ried 25th No- son of Gilli- baptised 1692 (a); married, 7th June,  
vember, 1704 gate, Dur- 23rd May, 1720, John Robinson (a).  
(b). ham. 1689 (a).

Thomas Coulson of Gilligate, = Ann ..... Richard Coulson. Ann Coulson. Elizabeth Coulson.  
Durham. | Mary, wife of ..... Dryden, Susan, married a  
mason. horse breaker. Scotch pedlar.

(a) *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

(b) *The Diary.*

## DIARY.

1681. 5 Sept. John Phillipson, taylor, and Katherin Rowell [married], with a lawles minister at Newcastle.

1682. 27 March. John Maddison's child Margaret went out of Durham to Newcastle for London to be toutcht for the evill.

1682. April. Two great floods of watter upon Wednesday and Thursday, being the 26th and 27th of April.

The first day that men and women servants presented themselves to be hired in Durham markett was the 6th day of May, 1682.

1682. 31 May. Betwixt 11 and 12 at night, was a very fearfull thunder, with flasches of fire, very tirrible.

1682. 28 July. Captain Thomas Featherston, of Stanhope hall, departed this life, being Friday, at night about 11 a clock.<sup>1</sup>

1682. 15 Aug. A blazing stare appeared.

1682. 6 Sept. Mr. William Witherington, one of the bead-men of Abby church [died].<sup>2</sup>

1682. 28 Sept. . . . Sofly, sone to Richard Sofly, was borne, being Thursday: and Elizabeth Dobinson was her midwife and the first that ever she [had] laid.<sup>3</sup>

Anthony Fewster became not well the 1st of February, 1681/2 . . . and was not well again the 23rd October, 1682.

1682. 20 Nov. Being Munday this yeare and a great wind which blew one half of the west end of a window in Abby church.<sup>4</sup>

1682. 20 Nov. William Ross, junior, departed this life.<sup>5</sup>

1682/3. 5 Jan. Mr. Wilson commonly called Judge Wilson [died].<sup>6</sup>

1682/3. 14 Jan. The watch gave over in Cross-gate.

1682/3. 25 Jan. A sad cruel murther comitted by a boy about eighteen or nineteen years of age, nere Ferryhill, nere Durham, being

<sup>1</sup> 1682. 30 July. Thomas Fetherstonehalgh, esquire of Stanhop-hall, buried in linnen. *Stanhope Registers*.

He was a knight of the shire for Durham, 1679 and 1680.

<sup>2</sup> 1682. 6 Sept. William Witherington of the Palace Greene, beadman, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

<sup>3</sup> 1682. 3 Oct. William son of Richard Softly baptized. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Longstaffe on 'The Stained Glass of Durham Cathedral.' *Arch. Ael.* 2 series, vol. vii. p. 125.

<sup>5</sup> 1682. 20 Nov. William Rose, bur. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>6</sup> 1682/3. 7 Jan. Mr. George Wilson, attorney, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

Thursday, at night. The maner is, by report:—When the parents were out of dores a young man, being sone to the house, and two daughters was kil'd by this boy with an axe, having knockt them in the head, afterwards cut ther throts: one of them being asleep in the bed, about ten or eleven yeares of age: the other daughter was to be married at Candlemas. After he had kil'd the sone and the eldest daughter, being above twenty yeares of age, a little lass, her sister, about the age of eleven yeares being in bed alone, he drag'd her out in bed and killed her alsoe. The same Andrew Millns *alias* Miles, was hang'd in irons upon a gybett nere Ferryhill upon the 15th day of August, being Wednesday, this year 1683.<sup>7</sup>

1682/3. 12 March. Mr. Anthony Smith, once a Member in Parliament, in Oliver's time [died].<sup>8</sup>

1683. 11 April. Francis Shaw,<sup>9</sup> servant to Thomas Skinner [died] very suddenly, being very well the Munday before in my house.—Jacob Bee.

1683. 6 June. Margaret Richardson, the midwife [died].<sup>10</sup> William Fawcett, mow-maker [died] in the gaoll in Durham.<sup>11</sup>

1683. Two men fought a prize in the New Place, upon a stage—Swainston and Wood—but Wood wounded Swainston with back sword, although Swainston got the better.

1683. 21 July. William, Lord Russel beheaded in Lincolns In-fields, being guilty of a conspring (*sic*), against the king, as was supposed.<sup>12</sup>

The day before was hang'd, drawne, and quartered Captain Walcott, Mr. Hone, and Mr. Rouse, being Friday.

1683. 3 Aug. The assisses begun, and such an inundation of watter that the judges was forcef to come down Gillygate, and come in about 8 at night, and read their commission. Judges names, Jones and Strut.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>7</sup> 1682/3. 26 Jan. John Brasse, Jane Brasse and Elizabeth Brasse, the son and daughters of John Brasse of Ferryhill, all three murdered in their father's house, by one Andrew Mills, and were all three buried. *Kirk Merring-ton Registers*.

<sup>8</sup> 1682/3. 13 March. Mr. Anthony Smith, mercer, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

He was member of parliament for the City of Durham in the parliaments of 1654 and 1656. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 45.

<sup>9</sup> 1683. 12 April. Frances Shaw, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>10</sup> 1683. 7 June. Margaret, wife of George Richardson, cordwainer, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

<sup>11</sup> 1683. 7 June. William Fawswett, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

<sup>12</sup> Cf. Macaulay, *England*, vol. i. p. 268. Trevelyan, *England Under the Stuarts*, pp. 423, 424.

<sup>13</sup> *Query*, Chief Justice Jones, who was dismissed by James II. in 1686, and Baron Street, who truckled to the king in the same year on the question of the Dispensing Power. Cf. Macaulay, *England*, vol. ii. pp. 81, 84.

1683. 22 Aug. Jane Hutchinson, daughter to Richard Hutchinson (Trimdan Dick) [married] to one Kitchen.<sup>14</sup>

1683. 9 Sept. A thanksgiven day was keep throughout England for the preserveing the king from a horrid plot by Presbiterians this year.<sup>15</sup>

1683. 15 Sept. There was a man, a glasier by traid, came from Gateshead and stood in the pillery in Durham about one hour and one half (his name was Simpson), for taking a bribe from one . . . a quaker.

1683. 18 Sept. Seven bouchers should have play'd at foot-ball with seven glovers, being Tuesday, this year above, and my man Christopher went without leave to play. [And stay'd out all night, the 16 day of March, 1683.]<sup>16</sup>

1683. Sept. . . . Mr. Robert Wilson of Cambridge is but 54 yeares of age, and Jacob Bee and Robert Wilson of Durham, singing man, did lay a wager of three quarts of ale that the said Robert Wilson is not 54 years of age.

1683. 14 Oct. Bett Thompson was churcht at Ryton church, her month was out the Sunday before.

1683. 18 Nov. Duke Errington drunk 6d.: and six pence owne by his wife.

1683. 11 Nov. Margret Kirkhouse, daughter to Henry Kirkhouse [married] to Henry Brittan, servant to the esquire of Newton.

1683/4. 8 Jan. Robert Hilton, esquire, justice of the peace in Westmorland, came to Durham and lived in the Coledge: he died very suddenly, having been abroad at supper the night before, and went very well to bed the night before.<sup>17</sup>

1683/4. 29 Feb. Richard Hutchinson, son to Richard Hutchinson, comonly called little Dick [died].<sup>18</sup>

1683/4. 2 March. Mr. Thomas Butterry, attorney at law [married] to Elizabeth Browne, Richard Browne's daughter, the sexton of Framwelgat church.

1684. 3 April. Old Mrs. Morland, Justice Morland's wife [died].<sup>19</sup>

<sup>14</sup> See entries *sub 29 Feb., 1683/4; 12 Feb., 1692/3; 9 March, 1698/9.*

<sup>15</sup> The Rye-house Plot. Cf. Trevelyan, *England Under the Stuarts*, p. 420.

<sup>16</sup> Christopher again misconducted himself on the 14th July, 1684.

<sup>17</sup> 1683/4. 9 Jan. Robert Hilton, esq., on Wednesday, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*. He was of Helton-Bacon and Murton, and married, 2nd Nov., 1647, Mary daughter of John Hilton, baron of Hilton in the Bishopric. Cf. Longstaffe, *Darlington, Hilton Pedigree*, No. II.

<sup>18</sup> 1683/4. 1 March. Richard Hutchinson, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>19</sup> She was baptized 8th Feb., 1623/4, at St Oswald's, as 'Thomazine, daughter of Mr. George Martyn, gent.,' her god parents being Mr. John Calverley, Mrs. Dorothy Craddock and Mrs. Margaret Heethe; and was married at the same church 10th May, 1642, to 'Mr. John Morland.' She was buried 4th April, 1684, and her husband was laid beside her on the 27th January, 1687/8, being described in the register of burials as 'John Morland, Esq.' *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

1684. 10 April. Elizabeth Bee, wife to Nicholas Bee [died] in child birth.<sup>20</sup>

1684. 1 May. Richard Williamson, commonly called Lapper, or Lapthorn [married] to Jane Ingham.<sup>21</sup>

1684. 2 May. Mary Coats was drowned besids Keepier, being Friday morning about two, as was supposed.

1684. 14 May. Mrs. Sarah Hodgshon, Nick Hodgshon's wife, silversmith [died].<sup>22</sup>

1684. 15 May. Old William Maddeson, John Maddeson's father, Mr. Jefferson's ostler [died].

1684. 18 May. Mr. Lee, an exciseman, lay at Robert Cornforth's [died] in the small pocks.<sup>23</sup>

1684. 14 July. Christopher Maskall was soe drunk that he spew'd all his cloths and hatt, cravate, and lay all night in the entry.

August 16. All night out, and got in at the side of the little house.

Stephen Taylor did agree with Elizabeth Bee for one bushell of granes, eavery brewing, at 3d. per bishel, beginning the 18th July, 1684.

1684. 10 August. Thomasin Adamson, old Parson Martin's daughter, Cholerton's wife [died].<sup>24</sup>

1684. 13 Aug. John Raw of Bearparke dyed of a broken legg at Plawsworth.<sup>25</sup>

1684. 9 Sept. Was a generall muster for the traine bands of Bishopprick, being Tuesday and Wednesday: very rainy day.

1684. 28 Sept. John Richardson, senior, and maltman and tanner in Framwelgate, departed this life being Sunday this year,

<sup>20</sup> 1684. 10 April. Elizabeth, wife of Nichellas Bee, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>21</sup> 1684. 1 May. Richard Williamson and Jane Ingram, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>22</sup> 1684. 15 May. Sarah, wife of Nicholas Hodgson, Thursday, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

1712. 9 Sept. Nicholas Hodgson of St. Nicholas parish, silver-smith, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>23</sup> 1684. 19 May. Mr. George Lee, exciseman, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>24</sup> 1684. 10 Aug. Thomason, wife of Robert Adamson, clerk, Sunday, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

Old Parson Martin was probably a member of the family of Martin of Durham, whose pedigree is given in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. pt. 2, p. 149.

The Robert Adamson named in the text has sometimes been confused with Mr. Robert Adamson, M.A., vicar of Chollerton from 1662 until his death, when he was buried in his own church, 27th Jan., 1688/9. In the Chollerton Registers are several entries relating to his family, from which it appears that he married his first wife, Margaret, on the 14th of August, 1648. The baptisms of their children, born before going to Chollerton, are as follows:—Robert, baptized 1 Sept., 1650; Esther, baptized 16 May, 1654; Sarah, baptized 20 Dec., 1655; Richard, baptized 29 May, 1657.

<sup>25</sup> His name does not appear in the pedigree of Rowe of Plawsworth given in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 203.

being excommunicated and buried in his owne garden at Caterhouse, near Durham; being denyed by the Bishopp to bury him in the church, it being his desire. The grave was opened in the quire but shut up again by orders as above: buried the 29th.<sup>26</sup>

1684. 4 Nov. A foot race was runn betwixt Fairebearnes, a butcher, and a countrey-man called John Upton, and runn upon Elvitt-moore, the hardest run that ever any did see. The countrey-man wone upon hard tearmes, being runn soo nerely that scarce any could judge, when they had but one hundred yards to runn, whether should have it.

1684. 18 Nov. Francis Middleton [married] to a woman out in Hellgate.

1684. 29 Nov. [Died] Doctor John Sudbury, Dean of Durham, being Satturday, at night, about 10 a clock at night, and was burried upon the Wednesday after.<sup>27</sup>

1684. 7 Dec. [Died] a boy called Richard Beaverly: Ralph Hutchinson, joyner and baker, his wife, beeing his whole aunt.

1684. 25 Dec. [Died] John Etherington, shoemaker, and sear-geent for Mr. Mayor concerning the toles.<sup>28</sup>

1684/5. 17 Jan. John Borrow departed this life, and 'twas reported, that he see a coach drawn by six swine, all black, and a black man satt upon the cotch box. He fell sick upon't and dyed, and of his death severall apparitions appeared after.<sup>29</sup>

1684/5. King Charles the Second departed this life the 6th day of February, being Friday this yeare, dyeing in a distemper called an apoplexey. James, his brother, was proclaimed at Durham upon Wednesday the 11th of February, 1684/5, king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland.

1684/5. 28 Feb. Ann Allinson, Thomas Allinson's daughter, skinner [married] to a country boucher.

1684/5. 12 March. Sir Richard Lloid<sup>30</sup> and Mr. Montague was

<sup>26</sup> He heads the pedigree of Richardson of Caterhouse, given in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. pt. 2, p. 145. See entry 18 July, 1690, *post*.

<sup>27</sup> 1684. 3 Dec. John Sudbury, Deane of Durham, buried, *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

A blue slab on the north aisle of the quire of Durham Cathedral has the following inscription:—

Quicquid mortale habuit heic depositum in spe beatae resurrectionis Johannes Sudbury S.T.P. pietate, eruditio, antiquis moribus, gravitate, integritate ritae et sanctae canitae, vir vere venerandus, qui in funestissimis Magnae Rebellionis temporibus magno animo et inconcussa in regem fidelitate multa perpessus. Regno et ecclesia Numinis favore restauratis, praebendarius primum Westmonasteriensis, dein decanus Dunelmensis factus, eo munere per annos viginti duos et quod excurrerat integre cum laude functus. Decessit anno aetatis LXXX, salutis MDCLXXXIV. Abi lector et aeternitatem cogita.

<sup>28</sup> 1684. 26 Dec. John Heathrington, sergeant, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

<sup>29</sup> 1684/5. 17 Jan. John Borrow, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

<sup>30</sup> Sir Richard Lloyd, second son of Andrew Lloyd of Aston, Shropshire, was a fellow of All Souls, Oxford, and admitted to Gray's Inn in 1655. He was

chosen burgesses for the city of Durham, being elected without opposition.

1684/5. 16 March. Lampton and Byrely was chosen for knights of the shire.<sup>31</sup>

1685. 28 March. [Died] Gregory Welsh, porter to the bishopp of Durham, Nathaniel Crew.<sup>32</sup>

1685. 23 April. [Died] Mr. John Whitti, a popish taylor, being very vexatious to the taylors in Durham.

1685. 28 April. Judith Sherewood [married] to a taylor of Hexham, being the king's coronation day.<sup>33</sup>

1685. 7 May. An old man fell of horse-back and kild himselfe the day before in Renton longing, called by the name of John Bell.

1685. 8 May. Mr. Price, shooemaker and brandy-seller, was drowned near Pelley Leases, being Friday this year, by accident.<sup>34</sup>

1685. The first parliament that ever satt in King James the second's raigne, was upon the 19th day of May.

A man called John Ornsby stood in the pillory, the space of one hour for taking a wrong oath.

1685. 20 June. [Died] James Fairelesse, second sliper.<sup>35</sup>

1685. 15 July. The duke of Monmouth was beheaded.<sup>36</sup>

1685. 9 Oct. [Died] Mr. Thomas Jefferson, late post master.<sup>37</sup>

1685. 24 Nov. Doctor Dick Smith was married to Pegge Wappe.<sup>38</sup>

1685. 2 Dec. John Markarty was slaine at Stranton the 2nd day of December, being a baliffe.

made Spiritual Chancellor of Durham, 16th Dec., 1676, and, in the following month, was knighted. He represented the City of Durham in the parliaments of 1679, 1680, 1685, and after holding many preferments died 28th June, 1686, aged 52, and was buried at St. Bennet's, near Paul's Wharf. Cf. Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses*, etc.

Mr. Charles Montague represented Durham City in the parliaments of 1685, 1695, 1698, 1700, 1701, and 1710.

<sup>31</sup> Mr. William Lambton was chosen knight of the shire in 1685, 1688, 1695, 1698, 1700, 1701 and 1710. Mr. Robert Byerley was chosen knight of the shire in 1685 and 1688.

<sup>32</sup> 1685. 29 March. Gregory Welsh, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas's, Durham.*

<sup>33</sup> 1685. 23 (sic) April. Edward Kell and Jude Sherwood, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>34</sup> 1685. 9 May. Thomas Price, spent by water, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>35</sup> 1685. 21 June. James Faireless, cutler, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>36</sup> Cf. Macaulay, *History of England*, vol. i. p. 621.

<sup>37</sup> 1685. 10 Nov. <sup>(sic)</sup> Mr. Thomas Jefferson, mercer and postmaster, buried in the chancell. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.* Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. p. 156.

<sup>38</sup> 1709. 13 Aug. Margaret, wife of Mr. Richard Smith, surgeon, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

1732. 3 May. Mr. Richard Smith, surgeon, buried. *Ibid.*

1685. 21 Dec. John Morland, junior, called King John, departed this life.<sup>39</sup>

1685. 29 Dec. Mr. Stagge entred upon the post place.

1685/6. 17 Feb. [Died] Mrs. Thirkeld of the Ross and Crowne.<sup>40</sup>

1686. 27 March. [Died] Mr. Conyers, high sheriff for the county Pallintin of Durham.<sup>41</sup>

1686. 28 March. [Died] Mr. Musgrave, prebind of the cathedrall church of Durham, being Palme Sunday.<sup>42</sup>

1686. 26 April. Nann Bee went to school, being Munday.<sup>43</sup>

1686. 8 June. Matthew Wright and Elizabeth Bryan [married], and a great deale of thunder and raine.

1686. 31 Aug. Magdaline Barnsfather and John Hold-my-stafe, *alias* Smith [married].

1686. 4 Sept. [Died] Captain Thompson, muster-master.

1686. 1 Dec. [Died] Simon Browne—Oyster Simon.<sup>44</sup>

1686/7. 16 Jan. Thomas Wade, fidler, was married to a Londoner, a widow.<sup>45</sup>

1686/7. 21 Feb. Robert Wood got a misfortune by a leg that was either streen'd or broken.

<sup>39</sup> 1685. 22 Dec. Mr. John Morland, being a parishoner, buried att St. Oswald's. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

1685. 22 Dec. Mr. John Morland, of the parish of St. Nicholas, mercer, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.* He was baptiz'd at St. Oswald's, 1 March, 1645/6, and some notice of his parents may be found on p. 47, *supra*.

<sup>40</sup> 1685/6. 20 March (sic). Anne Thirkeld, widow, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>41</sup> 1686. 29 March. Nicholas Conyers, esquire (and Hye Sherife for this county) of Biddick, buried. *Houghton-le-Spring Registers.*

His epitaph, at Houghton-le-Spring, describes him as 'chief of the family of the Conyers of the house of Boulby in Yorkshire.'

'Truth, faith, and justice, and a loyal heart,  
In him show'd Nature, which in most is Art.'

He died at South Biddic, aged 57. He bore as arms, *azure a manch or debruised by a bend compony ermine and gules*, Conyers of Boulby, impaling Lambton and Frevill of Hardwick, his wife being Jane, daughter of Sir William Lambton, knight.

<sup>42</sup> 1686. 30 March. Thomas Musgrave, D.D., buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

On a blue slab in the floor of the north aisle of Durham Cathedral is the following inscription:—'Here lyes interr'd Thomas Musgrave D.D., Dean of Carlisle and late prebendary of this cathedral. (He was the 5th son of S<sup>r</sup> Philip Musgrave of Hartley Castle in the county of Westmorland, bart.) who dyed the 28th of March 1686 in the 47th year of his age. He first marryed Mary the daughter of S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Harrison of Allerthorpe in the county of York, K<sup>t</sup>., by whom he had issue Margaret. His 2nd wife was Ann the daughter of S<sup>r</sup> Joseph Cradock of Rihcmond in the said county, K<sup>t</sup>.' See p. 40, *supra*.

<sup>43</sup> The diarist's grand-daughter.

<sup>44</sup> 1686. 1 Dec. Simond Browne, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>45</sup> 1686/7. 16 Jan. Thomass Waide and Honor Franklin, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

1687. 3 April. Sir John Duck had his comission for barronet from London, being Sunday this year, came by post.<sup>46</sup>

1687. 27 April. Magdalen Snadden, wife to James Snaden, did hang herself in a hanke of yarn.

1687. 23 May. Nick Bee went from Durham to Richmond, being Munday this year.

1687. 10 Dec. Mr. Salvin of Owton, was brought to Mr. Hall's house, being there chappell, and was burried.<sup>47</sup>

1687/8. 4 Jan. Mrs. Hutchinson—Mrs. Raw's mother—departed this life, being 103 years of age.<sup>48</sup>

1687/8. 11 March. [Died] Major John Conyers of Chester in the Street.<sup>49</sup>

1687/8. 12 March. Ann Bee went to Mrs. Nelson's school.

1688. 29 May. [Died] Thomas Binnion, the major's sergeant.<sup>50</sup>

1688. 10 June. The supposed Prince of Wailes was borne, being Sunday this yeare.<sup>51</sup>

1688. 10 July. [Died] John Simpson of Bayley—fatt John.<sup>51a</sup>

1688. 2 Oct. Little Dick Hutchinson departed this life.<sup>52</sup>

1688. 14 Oct. [Died] Mr. Captain Blackston in Elvet.<sup>53</sup>

1688. 18 Dec. Captain Byerly and Mr. Lambton was chosen knights of the shire.<sup>54</sup>

<sup>45</sup> The life of Sir John Duck may be compared with that of the more famous Whittington, Lord Mayor of London. Born about the year 1632, of unknown parentage, he served John Heslop, a butcher in Durham, and on the 30th of July, 1655, married his master's daughter, Ann, at St. Nicholas' church, Durham. During the remainder of his life everything prospered that he put his hand to. Attaining great wealth, he was made a knight on the . . . and on the 19th March, 1686/7, a baronet. After founding an hospital at Lumley, he died, s.p. on the 26th August, 1691, aged 59 years, and was buried in St. Margaret's Church, Durham, under a stone bearing an epitaph in Latin. He gave his great wealth to his widow, on whose death, on the 14th December, 1695, it came to her nieces, Elizabeth Heslop who married George Tweddell, alderman of Durham, and Jane Heslop who married, first James Nicholson of Durham, cordwainer, and secondly Richard Wharton of Durham, attorney.

<sup>47</sup> 1687. 10 Dec. Mr. Thomas Salvin of Owton was buried in this parish church. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

He was the second son of Bryan Salvin of Butterby, was eight years of age in 1666, and resided at Owton in the parish of Stranton. See pedigree of Salvin of Croxdale, Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. p. 119.

<sup>48</sup> 1687/8. 5 Jan. Jane Hutchinson, widow, buried. *Durham Cathedral Reg.*

<sup>49</sup> John Conyers of Chester-le-Street, second son of Sir John Conyers of Holden, second baronet, was baptized at Easington 26 Sept., 1622, and was buried at Chester, 18 March, 1687/8. He left (perhaps with other) issue a son and a daughter. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. i. p. 29.

<sup>50</sup> 1688. 30 May. Thomas Binyon, sergeant, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>51</sup> Cf. Macaulay, *History of England*, vol. ii. page 359.

<sup>51a</sup> 1688. July 10. Mr. John Simpson, buried. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow.*

<sup>52</sup> See p. 47, *supra*.

<sup>53</sup> 1688. 16 Oct. Mr. Robert Blakeston, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's.*

<sup>54</sup> Mr. Robert Byerley of Midridge Grange, in the parish of Heighington, was knight of the shire for the county of Durham, 1685, and in the Convention

And George Morland<sup>55</sup> and esquire Liddle<sup>56</sup> of Newton was chosen burgesses for the city of Durham, the 19th day of the same year.

Cuthbert Younger got a poor lass in Ralph Fisher's shop and did something to her.

1688/9. 10 Jan. A new election for burgesses were Mr. Morland, Mr. Liddle and Captain Tempest, but the two first were chosen burgesses. Captain Byerly and Mr. Lambton<sup>57</sup> was chosen knights of the shire the next day.

1689. Three great floods of water on Durham, about St. Luke day [18 Oct.] which exceeded all the floods that had been these many years.

1689. 8 Dec. [Died] Mrs. Ann Stott, slim Tyme's wife.<sup>58</sup>

1689. 26 Dec. Margaret Brown (Oyster Peg), and John Thompson [married], being St. Stephen's day.

1689. 20 Dec. A figure of a comet appeared about three-quarters of an hour after four at night, the first appearance was in the form of a half-moon, very firie, and afterwards did change it selfe to a firye sword and run westward.

1689/90. 28 Feb. Nedy Stoot was married.

1689/90. 3 March. An election for burgesses for Parliament was chosen; Moreland and Tempest was chosen without any opposition.

The knights of the county was chosen the 10th March; Sir Robert Eden<sup>59</sup> and esquire Lambton chosen without opposition.

1690. 31 March. [Died] Mr. George Barkas, attorney at law, clarck to every mayer in Durham dureing his time.<sup>60</sup>

1690. 10 April. [Died] Mr. Francis Crossby, junior, being attorney at law and merchant.<sup>61</sup>

1690. 16 June. Thomas Bell and Francis Kirkley [married], and the said Francis bore a child 29th June.

Parliament; subsequently, he represented Knaresborough in no less than nine parliaments between 1695 and 1713. A pedigree of Byerley is given in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 313.

<sup>55</sup> Mr. George Morland was the son of John Morland named above, and was baptizated at St. Oswald's, 13 Feb., 1642/3. He may be identified with that George Morland, esq., justice of the peace, who was buried at the same church, 26 March, 1711.

<sup>56</sup> Mr. Thomas Liddell of Newton, near Durham, second son of Sir Thomas Liddell of Ravensworth, 2nd baronet, died unmarried and was buried at Lamesley, 23 August, 1701. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 213.

<sup>57</sup> Mr. William Lambton of Lambton was knight of the shire for the county of Durham in the parliaments of 1685, 1688, 1690, 1695, 1700, 1701 and 1710.

<sup>58</sup> 1689. 9 Dec. Margaret, wife of Mr. Timothy Stott, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

<sup>59</sup> Sir Robert Eden of Windlestone was created a baronet, 13 Nov. 1672, and died in 1720.

<sup>60</sup> 1690. 1 April. George Barkas, Notary Public, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

<sup>61</sup> 1690. 11 April. Mr. Francis Crosby, jun., buried at St. Oswald's. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

1690. 11 April. Mr. Francis Crosby, jun., of the parish of St. Nicholas, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

1690. 18 July. Mrs. Richardson, wife to John Richardson, junior, maltman, departed this life at Stockton, and was burried in Katterhouse garden with her husband.<sup>62</sup>

1690. 19 July. Memorandum that the bishopp of Durham came to Durham, being Satterday, and went away for London the 23rd after, being September, Tuesday.

1690. 27 July. [Died] drunken Peg Hutchinson.<sup>63</sup>

1690. 12 Oct. [Died] Mr. Roger Blackston, virger in the cathedral of Durham.<sup>64</sup>

1690. 17 Nov. Richard Watson brought his wife to Durham from Yorke.

1690. Mr. William Wilson in the Bailey was drowned the 27th day of November and was found the 7th of December, being Sunday this yeare, near Cocken Boat, and was burried that night in the Ninne Alters.<sup>65</sup>

1690/1. 9 Feb. A sudden fire in Thomas Marshall's whin stack, being burnt all to ashes about 10 and 11 at night.

1690/1. 17 March. [Died] Thomas Wilkinson of the House of Correction, weaver.<sup>66</sup>

1691. 1 June. Barbary Williamson, comonly called Lapper, was marred to a collier.

1691. 3 June. Nick Bee went to see.<sup>67</sup>

1691. 26 Aug. Sir John Duck, bart., departed this life, being Wednesday, at night, and was burried upon Monday after, being the 31st of August.<sup>68</sup>

1691. 19 Dec. William Peareson, glover, comonly called Laird Peareson, being Satterday, [died] about 6 of the clock at night: and made his will the 15th day.<sup>69</sup>

<sup>62</sup> She was Anne, daughter and coheir of Thomas Atkinson of Caterhouse. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. pt. 2, p. 145.

<sup>63</sup> 1690. 25 (?) July. Margaret Hutchinson, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>64</sup> 1690. 13 Oct. Mr. Roger Blakeston, buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham*.

<sup>65</sup> 1690. 7 Dec. William Wilson, LL.B., Spiritual Chancellor, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

1690. 7 Dec. Mr. William Wilson, most unfortunately drowned, 27 Nov. found, and buried in the Cathedral. *Registers of St. Mary-le-Bow, Durham*.

He was Registrar to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and married a daughter of Marmaduke Allenson, thus becoming kinsman by marriage of Dean Granville. Some of his correspondence is printed in *The Remains of Denis Granville, D.D., Dean and Archdeacon of Durham*. Surt. Soc. Publ. No. 37.

<sup>66</sup> 1690/1. 18 March. Thomas Wilkinson, weaver, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

<sup>67</sup> The Diarist's son.

<sup>68</sup> 1691. 31 Aug. Sir John Duck, baronet, a parishioner, buried in the chappel of St. Margaret's. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

1691. 31 Aug. Sir John Duck, knight and baronett, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>69</sup> 1691. 20 Dec. William Pearson, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

1691/2. 15 March. Mrs. Hall, Mr. John Hall's wife, the tanner in Framwelgate, she hang'd herself.

1692. A quarterly pole in King William's time, being in the year 1692. May 9; paid 2s. the first payment.

1692. 17 May. George Jackson, master usher to gramer schole, was married to a countrey woman.<sup>70</sup>

1692. 23 May. [Died] Mr. Ralph Heath, he being blind.<sup>71</sup>

1692. 4 June. [Died] Mr. Thornton, our Dean's (Doctor Cumber's) wife's brother.<sup>72</sup>

1692. 16 June. Isabella Hunter, late of Crossgate, was supposed to drown<sup>73</sup> herself late at night, and was found and burried the 20th of June.

1602. 23 July. [Died] Mr. John Hubbuck, postmaster, junior.<sup>74</sup>

1692. 26 July. One Norman, Mr. Swinburn's steward, and Bett Dury [married].

1692. 26 July. Two young men was drowned above New Bridge, Marley and Chilton by name, one a painter, the other a shoomaker, Arthur Riddley's man.<sup>75</sup>

1692. 15 Sept. [Died] Michael Welch, the bishopp's porter.<sup>76</sup>  
Bett Lamb dyed the same day, at night.

1692. 1 Nov. Mr. Hamond Hendry brought his brid through Durham.<sup>77</sup>

1692. 29 Nov. John Dent, barber, and one Bell was married.

1692. 22 Dec. Robert Meaburne was killed by the fall of a peece timber.<sup>78</sup>

<sup>70</sup> 1692. 17 May. George Jackson and Jane Grinnell married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

George Jackson was second master or usher of Durham School under Rudd.

<sup>71</sup> 1692. 25 May. Mr. Ralph Heath, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>72</sup> 1692. 6 June. Robert Thornton, clerk, rector of Bolden, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

On a tablet in the Nine Altars is the following inscription:—‘M.S. Hic jacet Robertus Thornton, A.M., fil. & haer. Gul. Thornton de Newton in com. Ebor. arm. & Alic. ux. ejus, Socius Coll. D. Magd. Oxon & rector de Bold<sup>n</sup>, qui obiit Junii iv. An. Dom. MDCXCII. Pos. A.C. soror. char. An. MDCXCV.’

<sup>73</sup> 1692. 20 June. Isabella Hunter, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>74</sup> 1692. 21 July. Mr. John Hubbock, postmaster, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>75</sup> 1692. 27 July. Robert Marley, painter, and Robert Chilton, cordwainer, were drowned beside the New Bridge, 26 July. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>76</sup> 1692. 16 Sept. Michaell Welsh, cordwainer, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>77</sup> Mr. Hammond Hendry was an attorney and resided at Shincliffe, his children being baptized at St. Oswald's: at which church his widow was buried, 30 January, 1742/3. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>78</sup> 1692. 23 Dec. Robert Meaburne, carpenter, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

1692/3. 2 Feb. William Rooksby, Bet Conyers' husband, of Sunderland, saylor, his boy was borne.<sup>78a</sup>

1692/3. 12 Feb. Frances Hutchinson, Dick of Trymdon's wife, [died] at night about ten and eleaven.<sup>79</sup>

1693. 4 April. Nick Bee went for Sunderland for sea.

1693. 13 May. Mr. George Tweddall and Bett Heslop [married].<sup>80</sup>

1693. 3 Sept. Mr. Frappart, a Dutchman, was hang'd at Durham gallows for killing Mr. Newton.

1693. 14 Aug. [Died] old Mr. Henry Lambton of Lambton, being Munday, and was burried upon Friday after.<sup>81</sup>

1693. 10 Oct. Sir Christopher Conyers was brought through Durham.<sup>82</sup>

1693. 16 Nov. [Died] Mr. Ellis, the king of the beggers.<sup>83</sup>

1693/4. 29 Jan. [Died] Mr. Archdeacon's wife.<sup>84</sup>

1693/4. 25 Feb. [Died] My Lord of Durham's porter, Mitcholl by name.<sup>85</sup>

1694. Another quarterly pole.

1694. 16 Sept. Lord [?Laird] Atkinson of Canny-wood-side, some supposed to be killed by Ralph Maddison of Shotley Brigg, which after was hang'd for the murther.

1694. 28 Dec. Queen Mary departed this life, being Friday.

1694/5. 6 March. [Died] Mrs. Margaret Coulson, Pexell Padman's delilay.<sup>86</sup>

1695. 25 April. Robert Young's sonn [married] to Pegg Dunce.<sup>86a</sup>

<sup>78a</sup> 1692/3. March 23. Thomas, son of William Roxby of Sunderland, baptized. *Bishopwearmouth Registers*.

<sup>79</sup> 1692/3. 20 Feb. Frances, wife of Richard Hutchinson, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*. See *supra*, p. 47.

<sup>80</sup> 1693. 13 May. George Tweddell and Elizabeth Heslop, married. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

<sup>81</sup> Mr. Henry Lambton of Lambton, died at the age of 79, and was succeeded by his son, Mr. William Lambton. See p. 50, *supra*.

<sup>82</sup> 1693. 12 Oct. Sir Christopher Conyers of Hordon, buried. *Easington Reg.* He was the second baronet and was succeeded by Sir John Conyers, third baronet, the eldest son of his first marriage.

<sup>83</sup> 1693. 18 Dec. (sic). Mr. Robert Ellis, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's*.

<sup>84</sup> 1693/4. 1 Feb. Anne, wife of Archdeacon Booth, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

She was daughter of Sir Robert Booth, Chief Justice of Court of Common Pleas of Ireland, and first wife of Robert Booth (a younger son of the first Baron Delamere), archdeacon of Durham and subsequently dean of Bristol. *Harl. Soc. Register Series*, vol. xxiii. p. 107.

<sup>85</sup> 1693/4. 26 Feb. Richard Mitchel, the Bishop's porter, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

<sup>86</sup> 1694/5. 6 March. Mrs. Mary Padman, wife of Mr. Pexall Padman, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

1714. 22 Oct. Mr. Pexel Padman of St. Nicholas Parish, an attorney, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

<sup>86a</sup> 1695. April 25. Thomas Young and Margaret Burrell, married. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow*.

1695. 11 June. Mr. George Dixon and Betty Gray [married].<sup>87</sup>  
 1695. 11 Oct. Ursula Best was smothered in a sand hole.  
 1695. 11 Nov. Sir William Bowes and Lambton was chosen.<sup>87a</sup>  
 1695. 30 Oct. An election supposed to be on the day above, Montague, Liddell and Blackston, but Blackston declined of and stood noe pole; Liddle and Montague chosen.  
 1695. 9 Nov. Charles Hudson's two twins was born.<sup>88</sup>  
 1695. 14 Dec. My Lady Duck departed this life, being Saturday, in the morning, and burried the 18th day.<sup>89</sup>  
 1696. 28 April. Lawyer Davison of Elvet, and dyed very suddenly at Hardwick.<sup>90</sup>  
 1696. 3 May. Thomas Jackson, Madam Duck's coachman, and Margaret Walton [married].<sup>91</sup>  
 1696. 1 June. Mrs. Tunstall [died] and was buried in Pexell Dent's yard.  
 1696. 7 June. Thomas Nattrus [married] to Nann Wood's maiden, being Trenity Sunday.<sup>92</sup>  
 1696. 9 July. Justice Ellison of Heberon Hall was married to Esquire Liddle's daughter, at Witton Gilbert.<sup>93</sup>  
 1696. 23 July. Nann Richardson went from Durham.  
 1696. 6 October. Edward Hodgshon and Barbary Younger [married], being both computed to be aged 140.<sup>94</sup>  
 1696/7. 14 Feb. Thomas Pecton, sadler [married] to Doll Wilkinson.<sup>95</sup>

<sup>87</sup> Mr. George Dixon of Akeley-heads, and of Durham, attorney, sometime town-clerk of Durham. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Grey of Durham, alderman, who was buried on the 6th June, 1708. He married secondly, 2 Feb., 1709, Sarah, daughter of Francis Johnson of Newcastle, and he was buried at the Cathedral, 3 June, 1738. Cf. *Durham Cathedral Registers*, ed. White, p. 120.

<sup>87a</sup> The 30th October was the election for the city of Durham and the 11th November was that of the county.

<sup>88</sup> 1695. 26 Nov. Margaret and Anne, daughters of Charles Hudson, baptized. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>89</sup> 1695. 18 Dec. Lady Ann Duck, a parishioner, buried at St. Margaret's. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

1695. 18 Dec. Madam Duck, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>90</sup> 1696. 29 April. William Davison, esq., buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

<sup>91</sup> 1696. 3 May. Thomas Jackson and Margret Walker (*sic*), married. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

<sup>92</sup> 1696. 7 June. Thomas Natteress and Elizabeth Raine, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>93</sup> 1696. 9 June (*sic*). Robert Ellison, esq., and Elizabeth Liddell, married. *Witton Gilbert Registers*.

Mr. Robert Ellison of Hebburn, was baptized at Jarrow, 29 May, 1665: his wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Liddell, bart., of Ravensworth.

<sup>94</sup> 1696. 6 Oct. Edward Hodgshon and Barbary Younger, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>95</sup> 1696/7. 14 Feb. Thomas Peckton and Dorothy Wilkinson, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

1696/7. 8 March. [Died] Mr. Salvin:—Duck's Salvin.<sup>96</sup>

1697. 2 May. John Cock, quaker, and Ann Gardener his wife [married].<sup>97</sup>

1697. 15 May. [Died] Alixander Hume, Mr. Mickelton's gardener, Peg Todd's husband.<sup>98</sup>

1697. 8 August. Nann Spenceley and a Newcastle man [married].<sup>99</sup>

1697. 30 Oct. The peace with the king of France and the king of England was proclaimed in Durham, and a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing was the 2nd day of December.

1698. 4 April. John Smith of Ash was murthered and thrown into a coal pit, being Munday, at night.<sup>100</sup>

1698. 24 Aug. Another quarterly pole.

1698. 16 Dec. [Died] Nann Browne *alis* Nan Clatt.<sup>101</sup>

1698/9. 17 Jan. [Died] Mr. William Frizell, Lard Frizell of the Swan.<sup>102</sup>

1698/9. 9 March. [Died] Margret Hutchinson, in Framwelgate, little Dick's wife.<sup>103</sup>

1699. 23 April. Upon St. George's day there fell haile in and about Durham that was estemated to be, by report, five inches about, some reports seven, and some four, but I am sure they were three inches and more.

1699. 1 May. Straight Peg White and a miller [married].<sup>104</sup>

1699. 13 July. [Died] old Bess Garie.<sup>105</sup>

<sup>96</sup> 1696/7. 11 March. Nicholas Salvin, gentleman, buried in the chancell of St. Oswald's. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.* Cf. *St. Oswald's Registers*.

He was one of the younger sons of Gerard Salvin of Croxdale by his second marriage with Mary, daughter of Bryan Bellasis of Morton-house; he was uncle of Thomas Salvin, who died December, 1687. See *supra*, p. 52.

<sup>97</sup> 1697. 2 May. John Coxford and Anne Robinson, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>98</sup> One of the family of Mickleton of Durham and of Crook-hall. See *Surtees, Durham*, vol. iv. p. 140.

<sup>99</sup> 1697. 8 Aug. William Harrison, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Anne Spenceley, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>100</sup> 'John Smith jun<sup>r</sup> the son of John Smith of Esh was buried the 7th day of April 1698' [the following words by the same hand in faint coloured ink have been added later] 'who was found in Brandon, or Pinkney house, wall pitt dead and sor(e) wounded in his head and robed of all his moneys on Munday at night being the 4th day of April '98.' *Esh Registers.*

<sup>101</sup> 1698. 17 Dec. Widow Browne, a poor woman, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>102</sup> 1698/9. 16 Jan. William Frizell of Crossgate, cordweyner, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>103</sup> 1698/9. 10 March. Margaret Hutchinson of Framwellgate, widow, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>104</sup> 1699. 3 (sic) May. John Kirkley, Crossgate, yeoman, and Margaret White, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>105</sup> 1699. 15 July. Elizabeth Garie of Crossgate, a poore woman, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

1699. 1 Aug. [Died] George Bullock, bellows-blower in Abby organs, being Lamas-day.<sup>106</sup>

1699. 7 Aug. [Died] Captain George Baker, he was Master of Shereburne Hospital.<sup>107</sup>

1699. 9 Oct. [Died] old Mrs. Naylor.

1699. 30 Oct. [Died] John Sanders, Mr. Lampton's coachman, being slaine by the coach.

1699. 15 Nov. Bess Gray and a tinker [married].<sup>108</sup>

1699. 25 Nov. [Died] Doctor Cumber, Dean of Durham<sup>109</sup>: and that day Jacob Bee broke his arm.

1699. 2 Dec. [Died] Magdalen Hold-my-stafe, *alias* Smith.<sup>110</sup>

1699/1700. 13 Jan. [Died] my Lady Burton.<sup>111</sup>

1699/1700. 9 March. [Died] Joseph Hutchinson, butcher, called English Joseph.<sup>112</sup>

1699/1700. 16 March. [Died] Siball Grieve, one of the bead-women of the P[al]ace-green.

Our Bishopp Crew's lady was buried.<sup>113</sup>

1700. 23 July. My Lord Bishopp Crewe was maried to Madam Foster.<sup>114</sup>

1700. 5 Aug. Mr. Henry Young of Witton upon Weer [died] very

• <sup>108</sup> 1699. 2 Aug. George Bullock, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

<sup>107</sup> Mr. George Baker of Crook-hall, born 1654, was buried at Lanchester on the 11th August, 1699. See Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 358. He was certainly not *Master* but may have been deputy-master of Sherburn Hospital.

<sup>109</sup> 1699. 15 Nov. John Smith and Elizabeth Gray, Crossgate, poore, maried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>109</sup> Thomas Comber, son of James Comber, was born at Westerham, Kent, 20th March, 1645/6, and was educated at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, M.A., 1666; D.D., 1678. After holding preferments in Yorkshire, he was made Dean of Durham, 15th June, 1691. He was the author of sundry books and tracts, enumerated by his grandson, Thomas Comber, in *Memoirs of Dean Comber*, London, 1799.

<sup>110</sup> 1699. 3 Dec. Magdaline, wife of Jo<sup>n</sup>. Smith of Crossgate, poore, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>111</sup> 1699/1700. 14 Jan. Dame Elizabeth Burton, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

A daughter of Dr. Cosin, Bishop of Durham. She was married no less than four times, first, to Mr. Henry Hutton of Goldsborough, county York; second, to Sir Thomas Burton, knight; third, to Mr. Samuel Davison of Wingate; and lastly, to Mr. Isaac Basire. Cf. *The Registers of Durham Cathedral*. Harl. Soc. Publ., Register Series, No. 23, p. 109 *n.*

<sup>112</sup> 1699/1700. 10 March. Joseph Hutchinson, butcher, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

<sup>113</sup> Bishop Crew's first wife, Penelope, daughter of Sir Philip Frowde, knight, and widow of Sir Hugh Tint (mar. lic. 2nd December, 1691). She died on the 9th of March, 1699/1700, and was buried at Stene, Northamptonshire. As the widower was then over sixty-six years of age, he put off no time but married again four months later. Cf. *Registers of Durham Cathedral*, ed. White, p. 47.

<sup>114</sup> 1700. 23 July. Nathaniel, Lord Crew and Madam Dorothy Forster, married. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

'Madam Foster' was Dorothy, daughter and (with her sister Frances, wife of Thomas Forster of Adderston) ultimately coheiress of Sir William Forster of

suddenly, as he was goeing to Newcastle to accompany Mr. Wilkinson, he being the High Sheriff of Northumberland, being Munday, and was burried at Chester-in-the-Street.

1700. Upon the 9th of August, 1700, my Lord Bishopp Crew came from Augkland with his lady, his second wife, and was mett with a very great company, both gents, tradesmen and others, besides every street in his way to the castle, the streets and windows were see (*sic*) clad with people 'twas almost innumerall: all the trads' banners was displayed: the mayor and aldermen was there.

1700. 6 Sept. One Hutchinson, butcher, that had bought a horse in the market, fell from his horse and was killed and never spok more.<sup>115</sup>

1700. 7 Sept. A servant that belong to Esquire Claverind's, [as] he was coming from the lyme-kilne, fell down dead in Claypath, and never spok more, being Satterday this year.

1700. 18 Oct. [Died] William Dury, junior, and newsmonger.

1700. 27 Oct. Bett Moody and a Scott [married]: great shoore of snow fell when she came from church.<sup>116</sup>

1700. 17 Nov. Thomas Wood, fidler, and a servant of Dr. Burnet [married].<sup>116a</sup>

1700. 16 Dec. [Died] Mr. John Massom, he a little melancholy.<sup>117</sup>

1701/2. 14 March. The Princes Ann of Denmark was proclaimed Queen of England, in Durham, with great triumph by the bishopp and the prebends and Mr. Mayer and aldermen, and great numbers of other people, being Saturday.

1701. 27 March. [Died] Mary, wife of Thomas Watson, mayson. Old Lapper died the same day.<sup>118</sup>

1701. 14 April. [Died] Mrs. Shaw, once Mr. Foster's widow, organist.<sup>119</sup>

1701. 18 May. [Died] William Belley, called 'sackless Willy.'<sup>120</sup>

Bamburgh, knight. Bishop Crew, in 1709, purchased Bamburgh and other estates of his wife's family, sold under order of the Court of Chancery for the payment of accumulated debts, and by his will gave them to trustees for charitable uses.

<sup>115</sup> 1700. 7 Sept. George Hutchinson of Trimdon, butcher, slain in the Hallgarth Street by a fall from a horse. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>116</sup> 1700. 27 Oct. John Bowey and Elizabeth Mowdy, Crossgate, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>116a</sup> 1700. Nov. 17. Thomas Ward and Jane Rawling, married. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow.*

<sup>117</sup> 1700. 17 Dec. John Massam, buried att the Abbay-garth. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.* Cf. *Cathedral Registers.*

<sup>118</sup> 1701. 27 March. Mary, wife of Thomas Watson of Framwellgate, mason, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>119</sup> 1677. 29 Nov. Alexander Shaw and Ellenor Foster, married. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

1701. 16 April. Ellenor Shaw, wife of Alexander Shaw, buried. *Ibid.*

1701. 15 April. Elenor, wife of Alexander Shaw, organist, was buried at the Cathedral. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>120</sup> 1701. 19 May. William Belley of Framwelgate, labourer, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

1701. 7 June. Mathew Mayson, weaver, and William Belley's daughter, Christebell by name [married]: sackless Willey.

1701. 10 July. John Parken, dyer, and an Aukland lass [married].

1701. 22 Aug. Fardenando Foster, of Bambrough, esq., was killed in a duel by Mr. Fenwick.<sup>121</sup>

1701. 7 Sept. Thomas Hugall departed this life and supposed to be slain by Mr. Lackenby and Mr. Dixon, apothecaries.

1701/2. 11 Jan. The supposed marriage of Francis Middleton, barber, junior, and Ann Richardson.

1701/2. 11 Feb. Old Ann Comyn, 97 years of age and more, departed this life.<sup>122</sup>

1702. Shereburn-house. At Christmas last, 1701/2 (*sic*), there was one year's sallary due, and I got 16s. : and at our Lady-day after, there was 10s. due, and I got 5s., and that is all I got for 2*l.* 10*s.*<sup>123</sup>

1702. 29 April. [Died] Mr. Bonney, once steward to my Lord Scarbrough, haveing gott his death by the stroak of a horse on the belly.<sup>124</sup>

1702. 3 May. Bett Richardson—Scotch Bess—[married], her sister; Lillus is her name.<sup>125</sup>

1702. 4 June. George Williamson, glover, having been at Auck-land and had gott drunk, fell of horse back and kil'd himself, and died betwixt twelve and one at night upon Corpus Christy day: buried 4th June.<sup>126</sup>

1702/3. 5 Jan. [Died] Ann Johnson, William Johnson's wife, tanner, who went from Durham for debt.<sup>127</sup>

<sup>121</sup> Mr. Ferdinando Forster, youngest and last surviving son of Sir William Forster of Bambrough, knight, was baptized 14 Feb., 1669/70, and was murdered at Newcastle by John Fenwick of Rock, who was hanged for the crime. His sister, Lady Crew, as the last survivor of the family, in the year 1711 set up in Bambrough chancel a 'monument to the memory of her dear brothers as the last respect that could be paid them for their true affection to the church, the monarchy, their countrey and their sister.'

<sup>122</sup> 1701/2. 3 Feb. Anne Comyn of Crossgate, widow, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>123</sup> Dr. Crew, Bishop of Durham, writing to Sir Richard Lloyd, 26th June, 1684, states that the Master of Sherburn Hospital 'is as great an almoner as the Deane of Durham, there being thirty-two almsmen in his disposall, sixteen whereof are allowed fourty shillings yearly and to live where they please, the other sixteen are sufficiently provided for within the Hospital.' *Remains of Dean Granville, Surt Soc. Publ. No. 37, p. 185.*

<sup>124</sup> *Query*, of the family of Bunny of Newsham. See pedigree, Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. part 1, p. 41.

<sup>125</sup> 1702. 3 May. John Gill and Lilias Dods, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>126</sup> 1702. 5 June. George Williamson, glover, slain by a fall from his horse between Sunderland Bridges. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>127</sup> 1702/3. 7 Jan. Ann Johnson, Framwellgate, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

1702/3. 13 Feb. Mr. John Church, attorney-at-law, departed very suddenly, being well that day, being Satterday this yeare.<sup>128</sup>

1702/3. 20 Feb. [Died] Mr. John Middleton, lawyer and Recorder.<sup>129</sup>

1703. 23 June. [Died] Long Tom the taylor.<sup>130</sup>

1703. In the year 1703 there was such a hay harvest and corne harvest as noe man then liveing could ever remember such ananother for goodnes and soon; for scarce a shower of raine in the wining of hay, and few in reaping the corne, but none to do any hurt, and all gett in before Michaelmas or a little after.

1703. 23 Dec. [Died] Mr. Thomas Richardson, commonly called 'London Thom'<sup>131</sup>

1704. The first time that any cocks fought in Madam Softleye's new erected pitt, was Easter Munday the 17th of April.

1704. 29 April. Old James Peacock, a currier by trade, and a great begger, departed suddenley in the cloisters.<sup>132</sup>

1704. 19 May. Mr. Burton, schoolmaster to the gramar schoole, was married to Madam Fenwick.<sup>133</sup>

1704. 5 Aug. Bonet Bess dyed.<sup>134</sup>

1704. 25 Nov. Richard Coulson and Ann Bee [married].<sup>135</sup>

1704/5. Upon St. Paul day [25 January] was a very faire day, but a very violent frost.

1705. 31 March. I wrote a paire of indentures for Mr. Leeson.

1705. 14 April. I began with William Wood to shave, and shaved one moneth.

<sup>128</sup> 1702/3. 14 Feb. Mr. John Church, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>129</sup> 1702/3. 21 Feb. Mr. John Midleton, councillor att law, *templo*, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

*Cf.* pedigree, Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. pt. 2, p. 168.

<sup>130</sup> 1703. 24 June. John Binyon, taler, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>131</sup> 1703. 24 Dec. Thomas Richardson, buried att St. Margaret's. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

1703. 4 (sic) Dec. Thomas Richardson of the City of Durham, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.*

<sup>132</sup> 1704. 30 April. James Peacock, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>133</sup> 1704. 18 May. Mr. Nicholas Burton and Lady Fenwick, married. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

Mr. Burton was of Christ College, Oxford, where he matriculated in 1691: lecturer of St. Nicholas and rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, Durham; and Headmaster of the Grammar School from 1699 to 1713. Madam, or Lady, Fenwick, his second wife, was the widow of Sir Robert Fenwick of Bywell, knight, and daughter of Sir Richard Graham of Norton Conyers, bart. Mr. Burton was buried 1st July, 1713, and she on the 3rd November, 1744. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow, Durham.*

<sup>134</sup> 1704. 6 Aug. Elizabeth, wife of Christopher Wall, shoemaker, of Crogate, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>135</sup> The Diarist's grand-daughter.

1705. 14 May. Sir Henry Billesses, esquire Conyers, George Skerfeild stood a pole for members of Parliament, but Skerfeild gave up.<sup>136</sup>

1705. 6 May. Thomas, son of Thomas Wilkinson, comonly called Fish, married.

1705. 5 June. Thomas Dent was married to a Sunderland woman.<sup>137</sup>

1705. 5 July. Mr. John Rowe [died] la(s)t night, by a fall from his horse: too sudden an accident.<sup>138</sup>

1705. Sir William Blacket departed this life at London and came to Durham 28th December, being Friday this yeare, and was buried at Newcastle the 29th after.<sup>139</sup>

1706. 14 April. Bett Kirkhouse and one Laverick [married].<sup>140</sup>

1706. 7 June. [Died] Elizabeth Wrangham, of the Bull's Head.

1706. 22 Sept. Nan and Jane Surtees got two paire of mufs; wch. makes six paire of gloves, three paire of mufs, and one paire for Mr. Surtees; gloves in all 2s., mufs 9d.

William Surtees came six weeks before Lamas this year.

1706. 7 Oct. Jane Surtees began to write.

1706. 10 Oct. Jane Lamb went from Durham for London, and Peg Bee went to her service the day before.

1706/7. 27 Feb. [Died] Anthony Allinson, Black Cock.<sup>141</sup>

<sup>136</sup> Sir Henry Bellasis of Brancepeth, knight, and Mr. Thomas Conyers had represented the city of Durham in the previous parliament. The name of the third candidate was not Skerfield but Sheffield. He was a tanner in the city of Durham, and polled 73 votes against 148 for Conyers and 129 for Bellasis. Sharp, *Knights and Burgesses of Durham*, p. 37.

<sup>137</sup> 1705. 5 June. Thomas Dent and Mary Allinson, Bishop Wearmouth, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>138</sup> 1705. 7 July. Mr. John Rowell (sic), buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham*.

<sup>139</sup> Sir William Blackett of Newcastle and Wallington, created a baronet 23rd Jan. 1684/5. M.P. for Newcastle, 1685, in the Convention Parliament of 1689, and also in 1695, 1698 and 1705; died when in London attending on Parliament, was brought down to Newcastle and honoured by a public funeral in St. Nicholas' Church. Cf. Welford, *Men of Mark*, vol. i. pp. 302-305.

<sup>140</sup> 1706. 14 April. John Laverick and Elizabeth Kirkhouse, married. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>141</sup> 1706/7. 28 Feb. Anthony Allinson, cordwainer, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*.

# THE DIARY OF THE REV. JOHN THOMLINSON.\*

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## INTRODUCTION.

The writer of this journal, which is now printed for the first time, was the Rev. John Thomlinson. He was the eldest son of Mr. William Thomlinson of Blencogo, in Cumberland, who held there some patrimonial property increased in extent apparently rather by the thrift and acquisitiveness of his two brothers than his own. John Thomlinson was born at Blencogo on the 29th of September, 1692, was baptized at the parish church of Bromfield, the rectory having been acquired by the family in 1680, and was educated at Appleby under Mr. Banks, and at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he matriculated 29th October, 1709. He was ordained deacon by his uncle's friend and countryman, Dr. John Robinson, Bishop of London, on Letters Dimissary from the Bishop of Durham, in the year 1717, apparently on Trinity-Sunday, on the title of a curacy, at Rothbury, to his uncle, Mr. John Thomlinson. At Rothbury he remained until after his uncle's death, which occurred on the 23rd of May, 1720. It does not appear how he drifted down to Leicestershire, in which county he was presented to the rectory of Glenfield, married the sister or daughter of his patron, Mr. James Winstanley of Braunston, and died at Glenfield on the 5th of February, 1761.

On a sheet of paper pasted into the volume (folio 2), there is written in an eighteenth or early nineteenth century hand, 'This 'strange diary seems to have been kept by a young North-country 'man, of the name of Thomlinson, a student at Cambridge, just 'entering into Holy Orders. It affords a lively picture of the sordid 'and selfish views of the writer and of his friends for his advancement, 'in seeking for a rich wife, and the shameless traffic and trifling 'with the feelings of many women in this pursuit. There are many

\* Brit. Mus. Additional MS. 22,560.

‘things that illustrate the domestic manners of the time, and some anecdotes of Dr. Bentley and the proceedings at Cambridge, not without interest.’

Thomlinson begins the diary with the statement that ‘I kept a journal at Cambridge, but in loose papers, and thought to transcribe it here, but found it not worth the labour, so only took an extract of most material things.’ etc. Although it has been decided, after much consideration, not to print in this volume the entries —occupying almost a third part of the MS.—made before he took orders, originally written between 1715 and the 10th of June, 1717, a few extracts shall be given.

‘1717. April 1. Uncle John is against my going into orders at London, and my having a new Master of Arts gown. He prefaces his letter with “Frugality is a virtue in the richest persons,” etc.

‘1717. April 8. A young spark being a great gamester was called to an account, etc. He said they were his almanac, the four suits put him in mind of the four seasons of the year, there are as many cards as weeks in the year, as many court cards as months and as many spots as days. When he looked upon the king and queen they putt him in mind of his allegiance, the ten of the Ten Commandments, the nine of the Nine Muses, the eight of the Eight Altitudes, the seven of the Seven Liberal Sciences, the six of the six days he ought to work, the five of the Five Senses, the four of the Four Evangelists, the three of the Trinity, the two of the Two Sacraments, the ace of One God. His master said, “but you have forgotten the knave”; he said that put him in mind of his worship’s informer.

‘1717. April 20. Heard that Jno. Crow with several others were taken up at Newcastle, and the conventicle was dispersed. The newspaper called him one of the deacons. John never discovered that he went to a conventicle. . . . An order from the government to enlarge Mr. Crow, etc. People about Newcastle complain lamentably of their grievances suffered from the soldiers; they say they must be ruined if they continue long.

‘1717. April 24. . . . Charles told me a story of a strange young gent. in Northumberland that courted and married a lady near Hexham, and was afterwards found to be a woman.

‘ 1717. May 5. A bill in the House to make Sunderland a port. ‘ If it pass, will spoil Newcastle’s coal trade. The town has ‘ petitioned against it. When it was debated in the Privy Council, ‘ a gent. said the people of Newcastle were the most unreasonable ‘ people in the world, they had gott a bar across their river and will ‘ lett no ships go out or come in but which and when they please:— ‘ meaning Tinmouth Bar.

‘ 1717. May 15th. The story of my grandfather’s keeping his ‘ coffin in his bed-chamber for six years; applauded as a piece of ‘ extraordinary christian courage. . . .’

‘ 1717. June 2. Mr. Baker made Rivers read a recantation— condemned as pragmatalical. It is a pity the welfare of young gentlemen should so much depend upon the caprice and humour of such— otherwise such things should not be submitted to. Uncle John’s misfortune was his praying for King James before his sermon, but the clark telling him of it when he came down, and that the congregation took notice of it, he told ‘em it was a mistake, and so read a prayer for King George, so that they could not make any thing of it.

1717. June 3. Mr. Lodge come to Magdalen. He says my uncle Reed inviting General Wills, Stanwix and other officers to dinner and Mr. Cowlin, saying grace, they ordered him to retire, which my uncle submitted to—my uncle much blamed for it. . . . . Received express command to go into Orders.

property at Blencogo circa 1624 (?)

Richard .. ; in 1691 a trustee of the = Isabel (n).....  
W.

Richard ..	linson of Blencogo, born 1657	= Margaret
born 21st	used the rectory and advowson	..... died
July, 1646	d in 1680 (m); to whom his	7th March,
(j)(m); died	in gave his real estate at Blen-	1749, aged
young.	6th March, 1743, aged 86 (i).	84 (i).

Richard T	daughter of John	Mary, wife of .....
mercha	Gomersal, bap-	Isabel, wife of Ralph Reed of
Novem	Birstal, 13th	Newcastle (n), alderman
prentice	1681, to Ardsley, near	and merchant adventurer.
1681, to	Newcas	Catherine, married first
mitted	h April, 1702;	Joseph Robinson of Blen-
1693 (a,	Whickham in	cogo, and secondly,
1693 (a,	Compan	Thomas Grainger of the
1769 (o)	16th	same place (n).
buried	year, 1769 (o)	..... wife of ..... Clark.

Richard T	Thomlinson of Hadiscoe, Norfolk, died unmar-	
Newcas	proved	adminstration of his personal estate, 27th
	uary, 1747/8 (n).	

John Thomli	born at Bl	William Thomlinson (i), apprenticed 8th
ber, 1692 (n	John's Col	March, 1721, to his brother Richard;
culated 29	f	admitted free of Merchants' Company,
aged 17; is	culat	30th April, 1729 (d); partner with his
of Rothbu	ed 17	brother Richard; died unmarried circa
Glenfield,	1761; died	1737 (d); buried at St. John's, Wapping
1761; died	aged 69 (k)	(i); will proved at the Prerogative
aged 69 (k)		Court of Canterbury, 4th February,
Prerogativ		1737/8 (n).
bury, 6th		
The Diaris	nd (n),	Isabel, wife of Proctor Robinson
	married	of Carlisle, alderman (i). ↓
	Canter-	Catherine, wife of Matthew Robin-
		son of London, attorney (i). ↓

John Thomli	of Wark-	James Thomlinson, died in
died 13th	arch, 1813,	infancy, 12th June, 1746
aged 31 (p		(k).

John Thomli	= Anne	Catherine, wife of Oliver
died s.p. (	Plumbe	Cary, clerk in orders
Covent Ga	(n).	(n).

An [wife of Samuel Wyndowe, captain

(a) Rev. linson, *Arch. Ael.* 2nd series, vol. xv, p. 340.

(b) Fost pedigree of Thomlinson in Jackson Library,

(c) *Adm* Carlisle.(d) *Dend* *Familiae Minorum Gentium*, vol. III,(e) *Roth* p. 892.(f) *Mon* *Monumental Inscription*, Carlisle cathedral.(g) *Whi* *Paul's Registers*, Covent Garden.



## THE DIARY.

1717. July 24th. Writt to S. Lisle,<sup>1</sup> told him I should be glad to be near Mrs. W—n, for uncles seemed inclined to have married. Told him I had the same opportunity of hearing of the wars abroad; but there might be many skirmishes and battles among the polemical divines, statesmen and critics at home, which I might be ignorant of, if he would not acquaint, etc. Crosby told Fenwick<sup>2</sup> a story of Clennell,<sup>3</sup> etc.—Paper-mills.

1717. July 25th. Read prayers for Mr. Fenwick<sup>4</sup>—glory should be read as with an *w*, father as if it was fawther. Observed we contradict our selves in pronunciation of some words—Adrimelech with the penultimate long, Abimelech—short. C. Franc. writt that Wat: nor he had either money or credit. Walter has kept his coach many years, and so saved little. Uncle Richard cleared 1,000*l.* per annum entirely.

1717. July 26th. A plate, cost 3 guineas or more, run for by wain-horses or cart-horses, for the encouragement of the coal-pitt-men, etc. Uncle sett fine urns at his gates, 4 foot high,—a plint, bell inverted and fluted at the top, a little ball at the top, etc. His house has ashley<sup>5</sup>-front and rustic coins—every room 12 foot high—and stone cornish. Urns sett up; 1, plint; 2, neck, same as that under balls; 3, the urn; 4, the lid of the urn, fluted at top; 5, a round ball of stone—5 or 6 inches diameter.

1717. July 27th. A Roman Catholic and Geneva-man being friends and endeavouring to convert one another, the arguments of each proved so strong and effectual, that they changed sides, the Roman turned to his religion, and so reciprocal.<sup>6</sup> Masons work generally for 4*d.* per foot.

1717. July 28th. Mr. Ralph Jennison,<sup>7</sup>—his own hair had

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Lisle, son of the Rev. John Lisle, minor canon of Durham, was baptised at Durham Cathedral, 1 Feb., 1691/2, matriculated at St. John's College, Cambridge, 3 May, 1709, B.A. 1712, M.A. 1716, B.D. 1724.

<sup>2</sup> Probably George Fenwick, son of the Rev. William Fenwick, vicar of Hallaton in Leicestershire (second son of Claudius Fenwick of Brinkburn), who matriculated at St. John's College, Cambridge, 4 May, 1705.

<sup>3</sup> Probably Thomas Clennell, son of John Clennell of West Lilburn (and of Clennell), who matriculated at St. John's College, Cambridge, 19 June, 1710.

<sup>4</sup> Probably the Rev. Cuthbert Fenwick, rector of Morpeth, 1691-1745.

<sup>5</sup> Ashley = ashlar.

<sup>6</sup> See p. 75, *post.*

<sup>7</sup> Probably Mr. Ralph Jenison of Newcastle and of Wolsington, who died in March, 1722, aged 56, when he was succeeded in the latter estate by his son Mr. Ralph Jenison the younger. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iii. pp. 322, 412.

bastard laid to him—the woman was in Newgate, he and another gent. went thrô the common room where she was 2 or 3 times, she happenning to say he was a pretty gent., the other asked her what then, had she anything to say to him, did she know him? She said no, etc. He, or some of that name used frequently to gett drunk, and being sensible to what dangers, etc., he then exposed himself, gave his man power to take his spurs, sword, and whip from him—Mr. Fenwick was once there when he delivered sword and spurs, but prayed his man John to lett him keep his whip—John would not, they strugled a little, but the master surrendred, and said John was a hard hearted fellow—he likewise prayed he might ride his own horse home; ‘no,’ says John, ‘then you will leave me,’ ‘no indeed I wo’ not,’ say he—however John would not, and so he mounted John’s galloway and called him hard hearted, etc.

1717. July 29th. Uncle John<sup>8</sup> gave uncle Robert<sup>9</sup> only a calf’s head to dinner and pluck, when he first carried his wife<sup>10</sup> thither—his wife had not one shilling to command from one year end to another. Mr. Metcalfe being ill sent up for his daughter—he asked her if she had not a respect for his nephew, for so he heard, if she

<sup>8</sup> John Thomlinson, second, but eldest surviving, son of Richard Thomlinson of Blencogo, was born *circa* 1651, either at Blencogo or in the parish of Wigton. He was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and, after being ordained, became vicar of Bromfield, Cumberland, the advowson of which church was purchased by his father. In 1678 he was preferred by Dr. Rainbow, bishop of Carlisle, to one of his best livings, at Rothbury, which rectory he held until his death. His wife, Mary Nelson, is said to have been a near kinswoman of Bishop Rainbow. Husband and wife are buried in the chancel of Rothbury, where there is a monument bearing the following inscription: ‘Near this monument lyeth the body of the truly virtuous matron Mary wife of John Thomlinson, rector of Rothbury, who departed this life, Oct. 30, 1710, aged 70 years. Also on her right hand is interred the body of the said Rev. John Thomlinson, a worthy benefactor to this parish, who was rector above 41 years, who departed this life May 23, 1720, aged 69 years.’ On a neighbouring tablet are commemorated Mr. Thomlinson’s benefactions to the school of Rothbury, to the school and almshouse at Wigton and to the vicarage of Wigton. John Thomlinson’s will is dated 12 Feb., 1719/20.

<sup>9</sup> Robert Thomlinson the youngest of the ten children of Richard Thomlinson of Blencogo, was educated at St. Edmund Hall and Queen’s College, Oxford, matriculated 22 March, 1685/6, aged 17, B.A. 1689, M.A. 1692, ordained by Dr. Louth, bishop of Oxford, was successively rector of Brockley, Somerset, lecturer of St. Nicholas’, Newcastle, vicar of Eglingham, rector of Whickham and prebendary of Chamberlain Wood in St. Paul’s Cathedral. The two last preferments he held until his death, at Whickham, on the 24th March, 1747/8, aged 79. His benefactions to Allonby chapel, Whickham and Bellingham schools, and the founding of the Thomlinson Library at Newcastle, are set out by the late Rev. E. H. Adamson in *Arch. Ael.* 2nd series, vol. x., p. 80, and by the late Mr. William Shand in *Arch. Ael.* 2nd series, vol. x., p. 59; xv. 340.

<sup>10</sup> The Rev. Robert Thomlinson married, at East Ardsley, on the 8th April, 1702, Martha Ray, daughter of John Ray of Gomersal, and aunt of Mr. John Ray, vicar of Wardon. She was baptized at Birstal on the 13th July, 1668, and living to extreme old age died at Whickham on the 16th December, 1769. Cf. Hunter, *Familiae Minorum Gentium*, vol. iii. p. 892.

had she must tell him and he would settle something on her and gett 'em married ; she innocently confessed, at which he exalted his cane and threatened her sadly.

1717. July 30th. Uncle said, when I told him what Charles Richard (*sic*) said of Farrington's catechetic lectur (*sic*) in St. Nicolas, and of people's opinion about his brother supplying him with sermons, that he did not believe that, but he had heard some say that his father left two boxes of sermons, one to him and another to his brother—his father a pretty good preacher.<sup>11</sup>

1717. July 31st. Justice Dalavil's daughter marryed to a joyner—supposed to be gott with child by soldiers, officers were much there—Brig. Honywood very great there—the father would sometimes tell with pleasure of his dallying and playing with his daughter. Uncle John has spoke to Bishop of Carlisle<sup>12</sup> about his daughter—Uncle Robert believes :—if I do not like her, aunt thinks he will be for her of Alnwick.<sup>13</sup>

1717. Aug. 1st. Went to Newcastle—dined with Mr. Mayor<sup>14</sup>—he has the best wine (Margou) that ever mayor treated with ; made one in the parade to the town-hall to drink the king's health, with waights<sup>14a</sup> before us, etc.

1717. Aug. 2nd. Cowlin's sentence (Modesty is a paradox in Majesty, etc.), which was so much extolled, I found in South's sermon<sup>15</sup>—Writt to Su—n, told—I was so much obliged I could refuse nothing, etc.

<sup>11</sup> The Rev. Hugh Farrington, Fellow of St. John's, Cambridge, held the rectory of Elsdon and the lectureship of All Saints, Newcastle, from 1715 until his death, 3 Sept., 1739. He and his brother, Lawrence Farrington, of Queen's College, Oxford, were the two sons of the Rev. Alexander Farrington of Kendal, who divided his stock of sermons between them.

<sup>12</sup> William Nicolson, D.D., prebendary of first stall in Carlisle Cathedral, 1681-1702. Archdeacon of Carlisle, 1682-1702 ; Bishop of Carlisle, 1702-1718 ; Bishop of Londonderry, 1718-1727. He was appointed Archbishop of Cashel in 1727 but died within a month from his appointment.

<sup>13</sup> See p. 86, *post*.

<sup>14</sup> The Mayor of Newcastle in 1717 was Mr. Ralph Reed, who married the diarist's paternal aunt. He was a son of Archibald Reed of Bellingham, and brother of John Reed who, in 1724, purchased Chipchase Castle. A connection of theirs was the second wife of Thomas Forster of Adderston, father of the rebel general.

Mrs. Reed was Isabel, daughter of Richard Thomlinson of Blencogo. When a widow she gave £100 to her brother's almshouse at Wigton. Cf. *Arch. Ael.*, 2nd series, vol. x. p. 65.

<sup>14a</sup> The town's waits, or musicians.

<sup>15</sup> The *Sermons* of Robert South (1634-1716) after being published separately were collected by himself and published in six volumes, 1679-1715. Supplementary volumes were issued after his death. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

The Rev. Charles Cowling of St. John's College, Cambridge, was vicar of Bedlington (1676-1696) and left descendants in the county. There was also a John Cowling of Peterhouse, a Yorkshireman, who *circa* 1715 was curate of St. Nicholas', Newcastle.

1717. Aug. 3rd. Mr. Shaftoe<sup>16</sup> of Gateside, a gentleman-like clergyman, called, but he is a very drone in the pulpit. Dr. Benson<sup>17</sup> bully's the bishop, contradicts, is positive, etc. A bishop without divinity, a chancellour without law, an arch-deacon without jurisdiction, and a chaplain without modesty. Crow courts a woman that is non-juror, which sways him much.

1717. Aug. 4th. When Nebuchadonozor took Josiah, king of Judah, prisoner (thô a good king), and the Jews, yet we find the prophet Jeremiah exhorting 'em to obedience and to keep peace in it that they might have peace. Dr. Hicks<sup>18</sup> lays great stress upon the practice of the Greek church with respect to lay-deprivations—whereas Sir — Ricoult<sup>19</sup> says that the Grand Seignior at this day deprives who and when he pleases—there has been due obedience payed to the patriarch of Constantinople, when there have been four more living, some unjustly deprived, etc.

1717. Aug. 5th. Dr. King, now archbishop of Dublin,<sup>20</sup> writt an history of the state of Ireland under King James II., wherein he makes it appear that at the Revolution we were in such circumstances exactly as many learned men, Bishop Franklaind [*space left*], and even Dr. Hicks in his *Jovian*<sup>21</sup> had allowed to be sufficient to justifie resistance, they allow of resistance in one case, and think it consistent with the doctrine of passive-obedience, and ours was just that case at the Revolution. Dr. Hicks makes use of the same arguments to exalt the dignity of bishops against lay-deprivation that the papists make use of for the popes. Fourteen bishops deprived at the Reformation. Lesley's<sup>22</sup> *Regale and Pontificat* shrewdly writt—but he does not consider that the *Regale* is *jure divino*, as well as *Pontifical*.

<sup>16</sup> The Rev. Leonard Shafto, rector of Gateshead from 1705 to 1731, was the eldest surviving son of the Rev. Leonard Shafto, lecturer of All Saints, Newcastle, and of Sarah, his wife, who married, secondly, Rev. William Maers, also lecturer of All Saints. The rector of Gateshead is said to have been born at Dedham, in Sussex, where his father had some clerical preferment, or duty, was educated at Durham School and at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he matriculated 14 Jan. 1686 ; B.A., 1690 ; M.A., 1694. Under his father's will he took an interest in the Elswick colliery, which apparently had come into the family through his grandmother, Jane, sister of Thomas Ledgard. He married, at All Saints, Newcastle, 15 Sept., 1703, Anne, daughter of John Hindmarsh, by whom he had issue, one son and three daughters. Cf. *Arch. Ael.* 3rd series, vol. iv. p. 41.

<sup>17</sup> Thomas Benson, D.D. of Queen's College, Oxford, vicar of Stanwix, 1705, and of Dalston, 1714, was prebendary of the third stall in Carlisle Cathedral, and married Mary eldest daughter of William Nicolson, bishop of Carlisle.

<sup>18</sup> George Hickes, D.D. (1642-1715), a non-juring bishop.

<sup>19</sup> Sir Paul Rycaut (1628-1700), *The Present State of the Ottoman Empire*, London, 1668.

<sup>20</sup> William King, D.D. (1650-1729), archbishop of Dublin, author of *State of the Protestants in Ireland*, 1691, etc.

<sup>21</sup> George Hickes, D.D., author of *Jovian, an Answer to (Samuel Johnson's) Julian the Apostate*, 1683, etc.

<sup>22</sup> Charles Leslie (1650-1722), author of *The Case of the Regale and of the Pontificat (sic) stated*, 1700.

1717. Aug. 6th. Shephard and lady like to have been crushed in their chariot—their's a place full of rocks and crags and very unftt for a coach—his wife very indiscreet—would soon have made Uncle John jealous if he had gott her—Uncle Robert. The scheme about the mill not yet broken—Uncle Robert lends them 1,000*l.* He would have sold Car-row<sup>23</sup> three years since, and bought this estate by Red-yeugh—and left either that all or only what remained above the value of Car-row to brothers William<sup>24</sup> and Robert,<sup>25</sup> but father would not consent to it, because Car-row comes to him, when Uncle Robert dies.

1717. Aug. 7th. Uncle John promised that I should never ride without man, etc., and yet would have me ride thither upon a neighbour's horse, not worth a groat. Epenetus, penultimate long is generally read—says uncle Robert. Asinceritus, Cenchræa, Andronicus, Elkānah, Epaphroditus, Johānan, Karčah, Zerujah, not Zerujāh. The dutches of Northumberland,<sup>26</sup> the countess of Thanet's mother, fed a man with a design, it is supposed, to kill him and distill him to give her husband,—to make him live long.

1717. Aug. 8th. Oliver Cromwell kept a correspondence with the French king's secretary, thô they had promised to deliver Mardyke to the English, yet they had formed secret counsels not to do it—which, Oliver knowing and sending a messenger about it—putt the French into a great consternation, it made them think he had consulted the devil, for there were but two or three persons conscious to it.

1717. Aug. 9th. Uncle Robert was very kind, gave me five sermons, he advised me never to contradict th' old lad.—Mr. Brown<sup>27</sup> gott into his favour by telling him old Canterbury storys,

<sup>23</sup> Carraw, in the parish of Warden, was purchased *circa* 1706 from the trustees and devisees of Henry Forster (whose will is dated 14 November, 1693) by Robert Thomlinson, clerk. Red-yeugh is Redheugh in the parish of Gateshead.

<sup>24</sup> William Thomlinson, third son of William Thomlinson of Blencogo, was apprenticed 8 March, 1721, to his brother Richard, and was admitted free of the Company of Merchant Adventurers of Newcastle on the 30 April, 1729. He traded in partnership with his brother Richard and in 1736 founded the Bedlington Ironworks. Dying, *circa* 1737, unmarried, he was buried at St. John's, Wapping. His will was proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 4 Feb., 1737/8.

<sup>25</sup> Robert Thomlinson, youngest son of William Thomlinson of Blencogo, settled at Boston in New England, but died in Antigua in 1758, unmarried.

<sup>26</sup> For 'Northumberland' read 'Newcastle.' Henry Cavendish, second Duke of Newcastle, married Frances, grand-daughter of Robert Pierpoint, Earl of Kingston, and had with other issue Catherine, wife of Thomas Tufton, sixth Earl of Thanet.

<sup>27</sup> The Rev. John Brown, after serving as curate at Rothbury to Mr. John Thomlinson, became vicar of Wigton, where he died in the month of March, 1763, aged 83. His son John Brown, born at Rothbury, and baptized there on the 24th of November, 1715, was educated at Wigton and at St. John's College, Cambridge. After holding preferment in the diocese of Carlisle he was appointed vicar of Newcastle in 1760, but died in 1766. See Welford, *Men of Mark*. (Query, was the vicar of Wigton's wife a daughter of Mr. William Mitford, rector of Elsdon?)

etc. Mr. Farrington marryed, she cryed and he too, etc. Uncle Robert would have me court Mr. Ord's daughter, well educated, religious, and 2 or 3,000*l.* fortune.<sup>28</sup>

1717. Aug. 10th. Uncle John designs her of Alnwick<sup>29</sup> for brother Richard<sup>30</sup>. Sent my mother word of having made a sermon about the sin against the Holy Ghost for her service and upon her account. Gave brother long wig, and he gave me a bob for it. Gave him two pair of ruffles, etc.

1717. Aug. 11th. Mr. Baker built a fine house at Crook<sup>31</sup>—bad way and two miles from church, distant from any gentlemen's seats. Preached at Whickham, was pretty-well heard—called it a noble beginning. Uncle Robert took a great deal of pains to teach me out to read well—and as it were musically—by notes.

1717. Aug. 12th. Went to Rothbury with John Spoor upon his horse—Uncle John gave this reason why he would not send his man and horses for me,—there would be the less danger of elating me. I spoke to Mr. Miller about the letter subscribed J. T. sent to Mrs. Met<sup>32</sup>—he said it was not so, they only thought so, she had told them from whom it came. He said he took me for a man of good sense, and therefore could not think such a letter was writt by me.

1717. Aug. 13th. Found Uncle John lame in his leg, but jocose—he said he thought I could make John Spoor no requital sufficient for the loan of his horse, but to buy it, as John had been pressing him before. Found sower (*sic*) beer—and a desart place.

1717. Aug. 14. Mr. Drybrough's expression in preaching, that we should not pretend to fight the devil with sword and pistol. Bishop Andrews<sup>33</sup> character—he had *scientia magna, memoria major, judicium maximum, et industria infinita*. Julius Cesar's—*Nil oblivisci solet, nisi injurias*. Prescription gives no right in common law under three score years, and forty in civil.

1717. Aug. 15th. Uncle's leg in great danger of throwing him into a fever or turning to a mortification—Mr. Delapp proposed send-

<sup>28</sup> One of the daughters of John Ord of Newcastle, a wealthy attorney who purchased Fenham, Hunstanworth, etc. See p. 91, *post*.

<sup>29</sup> See p. 86, *post*.

<sup>30</sup> Richard Thomlinson, second son of William Thomlinson of Blencogo, was apprenticed 24th February, 1711, to his uncle, Ralph Reed of Newcastle, mercer, and was admitted free of the Merchants' Company on the 6th March, 1721. He traded at Newcastle and in London and afterwards at Wallingford, Berks, where he is stated to have died *circa* 1740. By his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Repington of Amington, near Tamworth, he had no issue. He married, secondly, Anne Maria, only child of John Wing, and had issue an only son, William Thomlinson of Wallingford, who was living *circa* 1763.

<sup>31</sup> Mr. George Baker of Crook, married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Conyers of Elemore, co. Durham, and died at Bristol, 1 June, 1723.

<sup>32</sup> *Query*, Mrs. Mitford.

<sup>33</sup> Lancelot Andrewes, D.D. (1555-1626), bishop of Winchester. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*

ing to Alnwick for a surgeon, I was for it, but was dissuaded by cousin Robinson<sup>34</sup> and Robin and Christopher Little, they urged that uncle would rage if he knew it, nor would he employ Richardson<sup>35</sup> if he came,—he had said he would send to Newcastle, if their was danger, etc.

1717. Aug. 16th. Uncle said he preached as pretty a sermon as ever he preached in his life last Sunday, and yet Mr. Delap<sup>36</sup> says it was very indifferent—Uncle said he should have had many brave thanks for it if he had been among those that were judges. He told me of his letter that he writt against the teacher in Edinburgh, who said that the Sacrament of Baptism damned those who received it unworthily and without grace, as well as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

1717. Aug. 17th. Cousin Robinson warned me against Mr. Brown's wife's sister coming to be his housekeeper—she is a confident, tatling woman, and for all the good opinion he has of her, she will wast and destroy things by entertaining sparks, etc. Uncle sent his man and horse for W. Wood, thô he would not send 'em for me.

1717. Aug. 18th. Preached and was applauded, they said I was too short—a thing they never knew before complained of. Mr. Dulapp said they were swearing at him for curing uncle's leg, if he had not done that, they might have had me always and heard no more of his nonsense. And why could not he lett some surgeon gett 40 guineas of him and then kill him at last. A woman said some of them were in great pain for me when I was to preach, being young and the first time, but when I had done, they could have hugged me into their bosoms.

1717. Aug. 19th. Uncle told Mr. Wood<sup>37</sup> that he would give me leave to please my self in choice of a wife, and he thought I might

<sup>34</sup> Catherine, daughter of Richard Thomlinson of Blencogo, and sister of John Thomlinson the rector of Rothbury, married, first, Joseph Robinson of Blencogo, a kinsman of Dr. John Robinson, bishop of London (1713-1723), and had (with other) issue a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Rebecca. She married, secondly, Thomas Grainger, described as of the parish of Bromfield, by whom she had issue (at least) four sons, Cuthbert, Thomas, Francis and William, and a daughter Mary, the first wife of Thomas Wilson of Mains, Cumberland.

Joseph Robinson, son of Joseph Robinson and Catherine (Thomlinson) his wife, was probably the man of that name who was entered at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 18th March, 1699, aged 16. Catherine Williamson, of Wigton, daughter of Mr. Joseph Robinson, late minister of Aberdeen, is named in the will of Mrs. Isabel Reed in 1730.

<sup>35</sup> Mr. John Richardson of Alnwick, occurs as early as 1703, as an apothecary (and surgeon); he died in the month of May, 1735.

<sup>36</sup> Delap here and on the day before—afterwards Dulap. His name was probably James Dunlop.

<sup>37</sup> *Query*, Mr. John Wood who married Isabel, widow of Ralph Mylott of Whitehill. Mrs. Wood—who was, by her first husband, mother of Dame Dorothy Loraine—died 2 December, 1767, aged 100. Cf. Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part II., vol. i. p. 243.

please him too—Uncle told Mrs. Bilton,<sup>38</sup> etc., that either he or I must marry, for he wanted a housekeeper—they tell him he may have any woman in the country, and so flatter him that he knows not what to think of himself. He sent his man and horses home with W. Wood. Mr. Cooper<sup>39</sup> of Horseley to marry Mrs. M. Cinquo [Simeoe].

1717. Aug. 20th. When one tells these men of uncle's charity in building the school, etc., they reply what is that? he made us pay for it, he has raised the rent, and squeezed it out of us. The story of Dr. Butler<sup>40</sup> curing King James of an imposthume, setting his back-side to a fire, and putting the finger of one hand into his mouth and the other into his arse, and when he bid him change hand, he burst into such a fit of laughter, that it burst, etc. Dr. Ratcliff<sup>41</sup> cured a Scot(c)he nobleman of the gout by removing him to a load of straw in the yard, and setting fire to it, he gott up and rid after the doctor to shoot him, the doctor said, well, 'my lord, I see I cured you, but I was in hast, that I had not time to take my leave.'

1717. Aug. 21st. Mr. Collingwood of Ryley<sup>42</sup> invited me heartily to his house, as to morrow, with Mr. Brown and Dulap, uncle would not lett me, thô they all importuned him—he told me after, 'Mr. Collingwood is an honest man, and he has gott a daughter for you, if you'll have her—he will give her perhaps 7 or 800l.—but what's that to twelve thousand, which your father and I have.' This is the reason why he would not lett me go. He would not lett me go to a christening neither—last week.

1717. Aug. 22. A man at Bows dyed for love, his parents would not lett him marry one he loved, and who loved him so well that, when the passing-bell went for him, she fell down and swooned away and lived but till next morning—her heart broke at hearing it, they were buryed together.<sup>42a</sup> Father gott 400l. by the death of an old woman, a neighbour who took such a fancy to him that she

<sup>38</sup> Mr. Joseph Bilton of Brinkheugh, married at Woodhorn, 24 Oct., 1690, Mary Wolfall: she died 8 Jan., 1726/7. For a pedigree of Bilton of Brinkheugh, see new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 494.

<sup>39</sup> The Rev. Thomas Cooper was presented to the vicarage of Long Horsley in 1715, by Lord Chancellor Cooper. He became vicar of Berwick in 1726 and of Wooler in 1727, the latter benefice being held with that of Berwick.

<sup>40</sup> William Butler (1535-1618), fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge, some of whose empirical methods of treatment are related by Aubrey and quoted in the *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>41</sup> John Radcliffe, M.D. (1650-1714), the famous London physician.

<sup>42</sup> Mr. Alexander Collingwood of Little Ryle in the parish of Whittingham; High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1725, married in 1691, Dorothy, daughter of Mr. Wilfrid Lawson of Brayton, by whom he had (perhaps with other) issue one son and five daughters. His daughter Dorothy is frequently mentioned in these pages.

<sup>42a</sup> Affixed to the west wall of Bowes church there is a tablet to commemorate Roger Wrightson and Emma Railton, who died on the 15th March, 1715, the subjects of Mallet's poem, 'Edwin and Emma.' The circumstances related in the text are recorded in the parish register of burials.

would have nothing done without him. She called him on her death-bed and would give all (which was 800*l.*) if he would gett any to write a new will—but grand-father would not, that was enough, would not rob the heir, so the other half went with the estate.

1717. Aug. 23rd. It is was one Reynolds that went to convert his brother, a papist at St. Omers, and was converted himself, and his brother to us. There is no rain in Egypt, but great dews, the river Nile overflows yearly in June for near forty days; if it be below 15 cubits, they will have a bad year and barren, if 16 or 17 it will be fruitfull. Cambden.

1717. Aug. 24th. Buchanan telling King James he was going, etc. He asked him whither; where king's flesh is venison, says he—to heaven. The Empress in love with Sir John Jennings;<sup>43</sup> when he transported her to [*space left*], they were in a great storm and boats could not land her, but he ventured in with a third rate ship into the harbour, which was never known before: shee writh in the cabin upon the window:—‘Dear Jennings, I shall never see thee more.’ Uncle John ascribes uncle Robert coming in at Newcastle entirely to his interest, it was the greatest thing that ever he did, having the mayor's son for a competitour.

1717. Aug. 25th. Dr. Atterbury<sup>44</sup> used to steal his master Busby's peaches; he missing them, sett his man to watch—and Atterbury coming, pulled a peach and held it up and published the banns of marriage between his lips and it, and there was any that knew any impediment, etc., the man told Dr. Busby<sup>45</sup> this,—he pulling down his briches published the banns of matrimony between the rod and his brich, etc. Atterbury forbid the banns—the doctor laughed and said ‘hang him, an unlucky rogue,’ and so dismissed him. Dr. Busby once examining in geography asked one Tiesdale (who lives now near Whitehaven) how many poles there were; he knew not, but asked Atterbury, who was next him, who told him three—‘which are they,’ says the doctor—‘the north-pole’—‘which the next’—‘the south-pole’; well, there's two, ‘but where's the third,’ says the doctor—‘the may-pole in the Strand,’ replied Tiesdale, as Atterbury prompted.

1717. Aug. 26th. Uncle would not give Mr. Dulapp a glass of his strong beer nor cherry-brandy—thô he had saved his life. Went with Mr. Brown to Mr. Park's at Warton<sup>46</sup>—several old towers there-

<sup>43</sup> Admiral Sir John Jennings (1664-1743), who in March 1713 escorted the Empress from Barcelona to Genoa, when she presented him with her picture set in diamonds. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>44</sup> Francis Atterbury, D.D. (1662-1732), the notorious bishop of Rochester, some time dean of Carlisle.

<sup>45</sup> Richard Busby (1606-1695), the famous head-master of Westminster School.

<sup>46</sup> Mr. Gilbert Park of Warton was baptized at Rothbury, on the 20th October, 1689, being the eldest son of John Park, the representative of a family of the smaller gentry, seated at Warton for some generations. He married at Morpeth, 5 September, 1712, Jane, daughter of George Wilson of Ulgham, by,

abouts for defence, against the incursions of the Scotts, etc. Called at Hugh Park's, he made us very wellcome, but was often alluding to uncle's narrow temper, etc.

1717. Aug. 27th. Uncle made his maid rake over the close again, because he found two or three pieces scattered, and all she gott might be grasped with one hand almost. Kelsa twice burned down, most of the houses built of the stones of an abbey, which some think a judgement. Uncle says the house<sup>47</sup> that belonged to our family near Rose-Castle, was built of many stones that were fetched from there.

1718. Aug. 28th. Out of order both this day and yesterday with drinking that little at Mr. Park's, etc. Was yesterday at dinner with Mr. Snowdon, and Mr. Park and spouse came to see us, etc. Engines near Whitehaven that will draw near 40 tun of water in four hours' time—out of coal pits. Cost the undertakers 500*l.*—they have the monopoly of it for seven years, I think.

1717. Aug. 29th. Cousin says it was not well done that they should make me a parson, take bread out of other people's mouths, an instance of it upon my first setting out—poor Mr. Hall had 13*l.* a year before I came. The Carthusian monks are forbid flesh always.

1717. Aug. 30th. Received a letter from Su—, when I was under the greatest terrors and apprehensions of uncle getting it, being at Newcastle. Fort of St. Ann's in Minorca, a ruinous place like Tinmouth Castle, or nothing but a light house, and yet there must be a salary for a governour and other officers, etc.

1717. Aug. 31st. Holme,<sup>48</sup> an abbey of White Canons, dedicated to St. Mary. In Carlisle an abbey of Black Canons—to St. Cuthbert—but being demolished by the Danes, there was by K. . . . . a new one erected out of it—to St. Mary. Hexham, formerly a bishop's see, added to York.

1717. July [(sic) i.e., Sept.] the 1st. Uncle told Mr. Collingwood, etc., if I did not disoblige him very much, he would leave me all his land in Cumberland; which, with father's, would be about 400*l.* per annum, thô he could sell it for 10,000*l.* Land sells there at more years purchase than anywhere else. He says brother Richard, if he lives twenty years, will, nevertheless, be the richest of the family.

1717. Sept. 2nd. Dr. Whitby<sup>49</sup> holds that our bodies shall be consumed, etc., he socinianizes in this—he has too, odd notions about government as may be found in his *Protestant Reconciled*—

whom he had no issue, and dying in the month of June, 1762, he was succeeded by his nephew and devisee, Gilbert Park, timber merchant at Hatton Wall, London, who, with the consent of his son, also named Gilbert, sold Warton in 1788, to Mr. John Robson.

<sup>47</sup> *Query*, 'Stone Hall,' Hawksdale, in the parish of Dalston. Cf. *Arch. Ael.*, 2nd series, vol. xv. p. 345.

<sup>48</sup> Holme Cultram, near Wigton.

<sup>49</sup> Daniel Whitby, D.D. (1638-1726), a controversial writer. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

which book he was forced to recant. Uncle says Dr. Sanderson<sup>50</sup> kept his living all the troublesome times—he had a prodigious memory, but could not preach without his notes—Dr. Hammond<sup>51</sup> once took his notes from him, but he made such work that the doctor promised he would never do so again—it was his extream modesty, etc.

1717. Sept. 3rd. The Jews used to chuse one commandment out of the Ten, and thought the strict observance of that would atone for the breach of the rest—they observed nothing but the literal sense of the commandments, so that to lust after a woman, to pray for our enemies, was called a new commandment—so much had they corrupted the law, when our Saviour came.

1717. Sept. 4th. The Pharisees were those men that stuck to tradition. Antinomians are for no obedience but what arises out of gratitude, founded upon such texts, ‘We are not under the law, but grace,’ etc.

1717. Sept. 5th. The Union occasioned by the Security-bill which hindered the English from wearing arms, which they desired because the Scotch did<sup>52</sup>—Protagoras burnt in the streets with his books publickly for denying a God.

1717. Sept. 6th. Sir Francis Child<sup>53</sup> said a competency satisfied a man, but incompetency is what a man has not, etc. The moral of the fable of Phaeton is to show what would become of the world, if there were not a God, and it were left to men, etc.

1717. Sept. 7th. A philosopher aboard a ship in a great storm, seeing a wicked man pray, said ‘for God’s sake man give over, least God, observing that thou art here, should drown us all for thy sake.’ Uncle said he could make 12,000*l.* of his and father’s estate (which they intend me) in Blencogo,<sup>54</sup> and yet it will not yield much above 300*l.* per annum. Sell it of by parcels at 25 years purchase. He says Car-row (which is but now 78*l.* per annum) might be improved to 300*l.* almost—he would had my father come to live there and then he would have bought 120*l.* per annum of one Armstrong—now to be sold.

1717. Sept. 8th. He would have me sell it all—if I can gett a living here abouts and a great fortune and buy about 500*l.* year

<sup>50</sup> The life of Robert Sanderson, D.D. (1587-1663), bishop of Lincoln, by Izaak Walton, was published in 1678.

<sup>51</sup> Henry Hammond, D.D. (1605-1660). Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>52</sup> The Act of Union between England and Scotland was accomplished in 1707.

<sup>53</sup> Sir Francis Child, the elder (1642-1713), was Lord Mayor of London, and founder of Child’s Bank.

<sup>54</sup> Blencogo in the parish of Bromfield, near Wigton in Cumberland, where William Thomlinson, the father of the diarist, had property and where he resided. Armstrong’s property, adjoining Carraw, was probably Housesteads. Cf. *Arch. Ael.*, vol. xxv., p. 193.

altogether. Prince Eugene gained a most glorious victory over the Turks—killed 2,000 men, all or most Janizaries. They behaved 'em selves with wonderfull bravery at first;—Belgrade<sup>55</sup> soon after surrendered upon the same terms that Temeswaer had done before.

1717. Sept 9th. The great wind last year, about this time twelve months, blew directly down the river Thames, kept back the tide, and made the river almost dry, only for some little rundlets here and there; Mr. Challoner saw it. Parson of Morpeth's sister in law maintained by him and her husband, she used to sell his drink to a neighbouring ale-house—advised him to try their liquor—came from Sunderland—he said it had the tast of his own,—and so he after found it, etc. Morpeth School worth 500*l.* per annum—they bind every master under a bond of 500*l.* that they shall demand no more than they bargain for, so that they keep great part of that endowment to themselves.<sup>56</sup>

1717. Sept. 10th. One Salkeld teaches in the Moot Hall in Morpeth—he should have been second master, but Mather<sup>57</sup> gott it by Mandamus—the case to [be] tryed in Chancery. Went to Rye-hill; Mr. Collingwood lives pleasantly—very good ground in that parish; uncle gott Mr. Nicholson<sup>58</sup> that living of Dean and Chapter of Carlisle—Dr. Tod would had his brother. Uncle promised half of his living if I married 'any out of such an honest family as yours'—to Mr. Collingwood.<sup>59</sup> They commanding my sermon, said the 500*l.* which was spent in my education was well bestowed, uncle said 'yes, so we all think'—Mr. Collingwood said if he was in uncle's place he would have given me 50*l.* for that sermon he heard, it deserved it—uncle replied, 'come, you'll not advance 500*l.* with your daughter, nor 50*l.* neither.'

1717. Sept. 11th. Breast sore ever since Sunday, not much better than it was then. Dr. Kennett<sup>60</sup> in his funeral sermon upon the Duke of Devonshire says he did not repent till about two or three days before he dyed, but he was a man of such parts that he might do more in three days than some others in three years, his repentance

<sup>55</sup> Belgrade after a month's siege by the Austrian troops under the command of Prince Eugene of Savoy, one of the most distinguished generals of his age, was taken from the Turks on the 16th of August, 1717.

<sup>56</sup> Cf. *Arch. Ael.*, 2nd series, vol. xvi. p. 131.

<sup>57</sup> Mr. Mather was the under-master, or usher, of Morpeth Grammar School and, with the head-master, Mr. Lancelot Meggison, filed a bill in Chancery in 1712, against the bailiffs and burgesses of Morpeth and others, to recover part of the endowment of the school which, it was alleged, had been withheld, or misapplied. Mather did not get the head-mastership, to which there was appointed, 26 May, 1718, Mr. Mordecai Carey of Trinity College, Cambridge, afterwards successively bishop of Clonfert, Cloyne and Killala. Cf. Rev. John Hodgson, *History of Northumberland*, part II., vol. ii. p. 403.

<sup>58</sup> The Rev. Joseph Nicolson, vicar of Whittingham (1697-1722). See p. 83, *post*.

<sup>59</sup> Mr. Alexander Collingwood of Little Ryle in the parish of Whittingham.

<sup>60</sup> White Kennett, D.D. (1660-1728), bishop of Peterborough, author of *Memoirs of the Family of Cavendish*, 1708; etc.

was so strong and vigorous, etc. Uncle thinks cousin brought in bill for more bread, etc., then we all eat—a loaf every day for four or five days together, and as much expence when he was abroad as when at home. Belgrade is naturally the strongest garrison in the world, chief mart for that part, Vienna merchants (some of 'em) keep factories there.

1717. Sept. 12th. Scrivener's body of divinity but indifferent. Usher's<sup>61</sup> not extraordinary, he writt it for his own use, never designed for the press—nor is it properly a body of divinity. Scrivener writt a book called *Apologia pro Sanctis Patribus*,<sup>62</sup> against Monsieur Dallee—but uncle thinks he cannot be answered. But I think Reeve has done great things, etc.

1717. Sept. 13th. Mr. Fletcher debauched several women in White-haven; a lame gent. was told by some malicious woman that he had made an assignation with his wife and that they were then together—he went and found them, but it was accidental, he broke her and his head both—I believe with his crutch. But it is thought their meeting was accidental.

1717. Sept. 14th. King of Spain entered upon Sardinia, and begun the war with the emperor—the pope is thought to be at the bottom of it—they deserved no mercy for disturbing the emperor when he is at war with the common enemy of Christendom.

1717. Sept. 15th. Two men endeavoured to ravish a woman. Uncle took notice of it in his sermon, it had no less punishment assinged by our law than death, this startled the audience.

1717. Sept. 16th. The story of Macbeth as is represented in the tragedy that goes by that name in Heylin's *Cosmography*<sup>63</sup>—true in all its circumstances, etc. King James I., when in England, sent a letter to the earl of Huntley,<sup>64</sup> who had married his niece, and after a long time had been allowed him to comply with the new-preachers, to this purpose; 'I have suffered a great deal of scathe for you, but an your conscience be so kittle, een reckon your self nee mere a Scotchman, but I'll take care of your wife and barns.'

1717. Sept. 17th. One Dr. Bainbridge<sup>65</sup> went from Cambridge to Oxon to be astronomy professor, and reading a lecture happened to say *de Polis et Axis*, instead of *Axibus*. Upon which one said,

<sup>61</sup> James Ussher (1581-1656), archbishop of Armagh, author of *Body of Divinitie*, London, 1645.

<sup>62</sup> Matthew Scriviner, Catherine Hall, Cambridge, author of *Apologia pro S. Ecclesiae Patribus adversus Ioannem Dalleum de Usu Patrum*; accedit *Apologia pro Ecclesia Anglicana adversus nuperum Schisma*. 1672.

<sup>63</sup> Peter Heylyn, *Cosmographie*, 1703.

<sup>64</sup> George Seton, sixth Earl and first Marquess of Huntley, married Henrietta Stewart, daughter of Esme Stewart, created, first, Earl, and subsequently, Duke of Lennox (who was cousin of Lord Darnley, father of James I. of England and VI. of Scotland).

<sup>65</sup> John Bainbridge, M.D., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Savilian Professor of Astronomy (1619-1643) in Oxford, died 3 Nov., 1643, and was buried in Merton College chapel.

Dr. Bainbridge was sent from Cambridge,—to read lectures *de Polis et Axis*; but lett them that brought him hither, return him thither, and teach him his rules of syntaxis.

1717. Sept. 18th. Physicians say, a child born in the seventh month will live, but not in the eighth. Mr. Hall knew a woman in Scotland that never went more. Some say that the Israelites when in Egypt and their children were slain (I think), it was when they were commanded to increase and multiply, went but seven months with child. Medea's restoring youth to Jason's old father Oeson, was nothing but making his grey hairs black. And from such hints most of the fictions of the poets were taken.

1717. Sept. 19th. Virgil says women went ten weeks (*sic*) with child, *Matri longa decem tulerunt fastidia menses*, speaking of [space left]. Mr. Dulap says they had Burgundy wine at Burgundy for 3d. and 5d. a quart, the finest sort of it cannot be transported, but it will turn; when a gent. does but remove from one house to another, he setteth up a bush at the old house and sells it of.

1717. Sept. 20th. King William used to eat bacon and eggs at ten of clock in the night, his physicians would dissuade him—he replied it agreed with him, he was a better judge of his constitution than they—in some passion. He used to draw out great budgets of bread and cheese in the field or camp—was a great lover of it.

1717. Sept. 21st. Shannon's regiment almost all cutt to pieces and so was [space left], Evans's regiment had forty men drop the first peel of shot. Argyle had many men killed, but we do not love to multiply our number of slain. Marr's men opened to the right and left for the grey horse—Mr. Dulap. And there were 4,000 men that were to flank or intercept Argyle on the side of Sterling,<sup>66</sup> but could not gett over the morass. All this Mr. Dulap confirms.

1717. Sept. 22nd. Argyle full of waggish tricks—Marlborough had some jealousy of his growing fame that year of the battle of Oudenard—and opened all the letters came to him—he went once into Walpole his secretary's camp, and asked him the reason, and threatened him—Walpole said it was by the duke's order. He said both he and his master were scoundrels.

1717. Sept. 23rd. Cameron<sup>67</sup> is for having rewards equal in another state, and so is Spanhemious,<sup>68</sup> thô a very learned man. They say since there is not any merit in our actions, he that does the most can deserve no more happiness or reward, than he that does the least; our Saviour's merits save us and we cannot suppose any unequal distribution of them.

<sup>66</sup> This may refer to an engagement near Stirling in October, 1715. Cf. Lang, *History of Scotland*, vol. iv. pp. 199, 200. *Political History of England*, Leadar, p. 251.

<sup>67</sup> *Query*, David Camerarius, author of *De Statu Hominis veteris simul ac novae Ecclesiae et Infidelium Conversione*, 1527.

<sup>68</sup> Spanheim was one of the ablest classical scholars of his age, whose knowledge of medals was unmatched. Cf. Macaulay, *England*, cap. xvii.

1717. Sept. 24th. Beverage<sup>69</sup> has writt all the canons of the church in two volumes, but they are abridged in one 8vo., well done. Origen believed the devils would be at last saved—grounded upon (I believe) I. Cor. iii. 15, ‘And he shall be saved, yet so as by fire.’

1717. Sept. 25th. Uncle told Mr. Nicholson that Mr. Rothery<sup>70</sup> was a scurrilous, frothy, sottish fellow—but Maleverer might make something on’t. Maleverer<sup>71</sup> bears the same coat of arms with us, uncle supposed that either they or we have changed our names, but more likely we, for theirs is the better and ancienter family.

1717. Sept. 26th. Mr. Nicholson told uncle he heard a good character of me—uncle replyed I was a very good scholar. Mr. Henderson, who had several conferences with King Charles I., when at Newcastle upon Tine, desired he might preach before him—he did, one took his prayer and sermon down in short hand—the king showed him the prayer afterwards and asked him his opinion of it, Mr. Henderson<sup>72</sup> did not approve of something in it—the king told him it was his own, etc.

1717. Sept. 27th. A lady prevailed with a gent. once to go with her to a meeting—when they came home she asked him, ‘Do’s not he pray like an angel,’ etc. He replyed he did not like it, did she joyne with him when he said we had all broke all the commandments 10,000 times over both in thought, word, in deed; she said ‘yes,’ why not—he said ‘then you are a whore,’ etc.

1717. Sept. 28th. The Spanish in possession of Sardinia—the pope, instead of joining the Venetians, has gone to the Spaniards—and so (I believe) the king of Sicily has joyned them, notwithstanding both these had declared to the emperour they were not concerned, etc.

1717. Sept. 29th. The Turks have now no thoughts of a peace,

<sup>69</sup> William Beveridge, D.D. (1637-1708), bishop of St. Asaph, who, in 1672, published a weighty work on the Apostolic Canons and Decrees.

<sup>70</sup> The Rev. Joseph Rothery, M.A. of Queen’s College, Oxford, was vicar of Bromfield in Cumberland from 1714 to 1717, which benefice he exchanged for a Fellowship at Queen’s with Jeremias Nicholson, who held the vicarage of Bromfield from 1717 to 1733. Mr. Joseph Nicholson, vicar of Whittingham, was brother to Mr. Jeremias Nicholson.

<sup>71</sup> The arms of Maleverer of Arncliffe, are *Sable three greyhounds courant in pale argent*. Cf. Dugdale’s *Visitation of Yorkshire*. The family of Thomlinson of Birdforth in North Yorkshire claimed to bear *Per pale wavy argent and vert three greyhounds courant counter-changed, a chief azure*. Cf. Dugdale’s *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. i., p. 200. In the church of Bromfield, in which parish Blencogo is situated, there is a small brass with the arms of Thomlinson, *per pale* (plain not wavy) *argent and vert three greyhounds courant in pale counter-changed*. Crest, *a demi savage holding in his dexter hand a spear on bend point downwards*.

<sup>72</sup> The Rev. Alexander Henderson, chaplain to Charles I. when at Newcastle, died at Edinburgh, 19 Aug., 1646. Cf. Terry, ‘Visits of Charles I. to Newcastle.’ *Arch. Ael.*, 2nd series, vol. xxi. p. 117.

being apprized that the emperour will be obliged to divide his forces to oppose the Spaniards. Lord Charles Murray<sup>73</sup> is pardoned. Dined at John Storer's.

1717. Sept. 30th. The Jacobites pluck up their spirits now the Spaniards, etc., have fallen upon the emperour—and say that the duke of Ormond<sup>74</sup> has sent word to King George that he intends to pay him a visit.

1717. Oct. 1st. The reason why the Spaniard declares war with the emperour is because he exacts contributions of the Italian princes, giving his son the title of Asturia, and for encouraging the Catalonians to rebel, or some such thing.

1717. Oct 2nd. Dined at Mr. Park's, had ham and chicken, hare pudden and tarts, the only good dinner I tasted since I came here. They were complaining of my being confined (as every one does wherever we come). Uncle told 'em he designed that I should make about 30 or 4 (? 40) sermons, and about next Whitsunday, he would send me abroad to seek a damsel, would allow me 150*l.* per annum out of the living, or I take it and allow him that much, and would make my father settle 400*l.* per annum on me beside. 'You know a freind of yours and mine (says he) that has a daughter that I do not doubt he will give 1,000*l.* with, thô I can gett my nephew 4 or 5,000*l.* if I would'—this was after a great preamble, of his having me take his advice, he would not be ill to please, etc.—Mr. Park said it would do very well—and so they drunk her health.

1717. Oct. 3rd. Father no manager, has no authority amongst his tenants, too easy with them, etc. If a parish be not able to maintain its poor, the next must assist—then by a parity of reason if Scotland be not able to maintain its poor, England must assist, said Mr. Dulap, jestingly. Uncle rails abominably against the purse-proud coxcombs of Cumberland, that if they farm 20*l.* or 10*l.* per annum must have their barn, stable, cowhouse, carhouse, hen-house and I do not know what, when one that farms 100*l.* per annum here shall have little but a dwelling-house and stable.

1717. Oct. 4th. Uncle told me now we are to see yon damsel of Mr. Collingwood's.<sup>75</sup> She's like a Flanders mare—they know nothing but scraping together. 'I told (says he) your uncle of Whickham I would marry you to one of 'em,' he was in a great passion—he said 'Have a care of a Collingwood and a Clennell and you cannot well do wrong.' When we were at Mr. Collingwood's, he

<sup>73</sup> The Hon. Charles Murray, fourth son of the third Earl, and brother of the first Duke of Athol, was out in the '15 and was taken prisoner at Preston.

<sup>74</sup> James Butler, second Duke of Ormonde, son of the gallant Earl of Ossory, fought at the battle of the Boyne on the side of William III.; Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief under Queen Anne, and impeached of high treason in 1715 and attainted; died in 1745 in exile in France.

<sup>75</sup> See p. 74, *supra*. Miss Dorothy Collingwood, daughter of Mr. Alexander Collingwood of Little Ryle, was married at Whittingham, 29 Dec., 1719, to Andrew Bennet of Chesters, near Jedburgh.

told the same story, and that he should be glad I marryed such woman as his Dolly, etc. Had a very mean dinner, but a bottle of wine.

1717. Oct. 5th. Uncle talked at Mr. Park's that his father was of opinion that a man should retire from the world for six or seven years before they dye, to prepare for eternity, and as if he intended to do so too, if he had one that would take care of the parish. Mrs. Park said he could not have a better than me—well, says he, 'we'll try a while.'—He has seen stranger things than that I should succeed him in this living.

1717. Oct. 6th. Preached the first sermon which I made myself on my birth-day, last month the 29th of it. In former ages—standing at prayers was practised on Sundays, and all the time between Easter and Whitsuntide, as an emblem of Christ's Resurrection ; kneeling representing our being dead unto sin and standing our rising again by Christ.

1717. Oct. 7th. Uncle made me bring up candles and smoothing-iron, I presume, to humble me, that I may not be elated, etc., for the men prest hard to send some of their boys with them. No vigil or fast preceding Michaelmas-day, because St. Michael did not arrive at happiness through martyrdom and afflictions, nor before St. Luke<sup>76</sup> because there is a great day always preceding, which uncle thinks is Ethelbert, some Saxon king.

1717. Oct. 8th. Brother told me yesterday that they designed one of Mr. Ord's daughters for me. Uncle John says they would never have gott that estate with the mill, if they had followed uncle Robert's scheme, but he does not doubt but to gett it, if they'll take his advice. Last Sunday Mr. Dulap, senior, wished this place and uncle, such a hopefull successor as I, etc.

1717. Oct. 9th. Brother Richard is a great favourite of uncle John ; gave us a bottle of wine at his coming, etc. The great guns are all fetched from Tinmouth, Berwick, Edinburgh, and Carlisle, etc. ; there was one so large at the last place, that no carriage would bear it, and so they cutt it in two—I suppose they are afraid yet of the Pretender, and that people may revolt if he comes again, etc.

1717. Oct. 10th. Mrs. Nicholson<sup>77</sup> accused uncle of great injustice about her fortune in making the match, etc. Said she was afraid the golden cup which old Mrs. Nicholson had formerly given him had bribed him in her favour, and he knew no text of Scripture that commanded her to starve her children to enrich his relations, etc.

<sup>76</sup> St. Luke's day is on the 18th of October. The 17th of October, before the Reformation, was kept as the feast of the Translation of St. Etheldreda.

<sup>77</sup> Apparently Mrs. Nicholson, wife of Rev. Joseph Nicholson, vicar of Whittingham, who on the 2nd November, 1700, married at Embleton, Katherine Salkeld, daughter of Samuel Salkeld of Swinhoe and Fallodon. They had issue five sons and one daughter, viz., James, baptized 9 Oct., 1701; Joseph, baptized 8 June, 1703; William Salkeld, baptized 28 Dec., 1704; John, baptized 18 June, 1706; Samuel, baptized 21 Aug., 1707; and Catherine, baptized 23 Sept., 1712. *Whittingham Registers.*

1717. Oct. 11th. Were yesterday at Mr. Bilton's. A Roman inscription at Carrow-brough,<sup>78</sup> etc., *vid.* Coat of arms of Northumberland. Observed a pretty buffet at their house. Was at Mrs. Bullman's<sup>79</sup> in Horsley, of whose sister Mr. Widdrington said, he supposed that she was the 'tougher'<sup>80</sup> or portion, etc. Mrs. Ramsey<sup>81</sup> began to talk of law and business as soon as she lighted—took little notice of me—fancied Mr. Fenwick had told her we found fault with his narrow temper.

1717. Oct. 12th. Mr. Dulap said they used bag-pipes, Scotch-bonnets and plads at [*space left*] in Spain—I suppose the Scots had introduced those habits and customs in the late war with Spain and France, etc. He said no, the Scots were supposed to come from thence. Stayed till 8 of clock on the 8th of this month with Mrs. Mitford,<sup>82</sup> etc. Uncle said I like their company better than his—what inducement could make me stay, etc. I told him I was with Mrs. Mitford, he said she had no good character, etc.

1717. Oct. 13th. Woman scolded uncle in Market-place, told him he took one pig out of five for tythe, etc.; he says he has considered that case, and he thinks in conscience he ought to make her pay the mortuary, etc., which he knows will ruin her, but he says nothing will reclaim her but that. Said my sermon on charity would do, with looking of or repeating much of it by art—it was not methodical.

1717. Oct. 14th. Went to Newcastle—John Spoor lent me his mare to ride on. Aunt Reed<sup>83</sup> told me if I had come sooner or even before the servants had dined, I might have gott a better dinner, and yet she offered uncle Robert some duck that was left at dinner, etc. A pretty good seat might be made at Melden.

1717. Oct. 15th. Uncle trenching about the young apple-trees, and puttis in [*space left*] burnt to ashes, but mostly to loosen the earth about their roots, that they may have liberty to spread and

<sup>78</sup> Carraw-burgh, a station on the Roman Wall. Cf. Bruce, *Roman Wall*, 3rd edition, pp. 169-172.

<sup>79</sup> Mr. Robert Bulman of Long Horsley, married 26 Nov., 1696, Anne daughter of Robert Lisle of Weldon. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 500.

<sup>80</sup> The play is upon the words *tougher* and 'tocher' (Scot.), or 'towgher' (Cumb.), a marriage portion or dowry.

<sup>81</sup> There were two Mrs. Ramsays of the period, viz., Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Ellison of Hebburn, who married (as his second wife) on 1st March, 1660, William Fenwick of Stanton and secondly William Ramsay, alderman of Newcastle; and Margaret, daughter of John Forster of Cornhill, who married first, George Fenwick of Brinkburn, and secondly, Major William Ramsay; she died on the 29th of September, 1723, aged 73, and was buried at Brinkburn, where there is a monumental inscription.

<sup>82</sup> Mrs. Mitford was the widow of the Rev. William Mitford, rector of Elsdon (1674-1715). She died in February, 1725/6, and was buried at Elsdon, on the 8th of that month.

<sup>83</sup> See p. 69, note 14, *supra*.

grow—he trenches about the greens too, and puttis in fresh mold near the fibres and roots of them. Beals (*sic*) grow fast and make the quickest plantation.

1717. Oct. 16th. Aunt would have 50*l.* to furnish her drawing room, *i.e.*, 20*l.* for silver tea-kettle, lamp and table; 5*l.* in glasses and sconces, 10 or 15*l.* in hangings, and the rest in chairs, cushions and curtains, etc.—may buy a good and cheep buro<sup>84</sup> in Cambridge and have it brought by Lynn. Mother has sent some honey, etc. Uncle Robert agrees with what I thought about having a wall cross from the house to the garden-wall at Rothbury, and a gate in middle to come at the stable.

1717. Oct. 17th. Uncle John used to insinuate in every family where there was a young woman almost, that his brother Robert should court her, etc., as he now does with me. Uncle angry that my father does not return Mr. Douglas's money—he is capable of doing brother Richard a kindness, and therefore ought not to be neglected. He says that he will sell all his estate in Cumberland and buy here, when he settles it upon me, if he can persuade me—and that I must seek a tougher<sup>85</sup> after I am in priest-orders and have got 52 sermons made.

1717. Oct. 18th. King Charles used to say of Peter Mew,<sup>86</sup> that he should preach and fight with any man in England. Went to Newcastle; Mr. Crow, etc., released upon their signing a declaration against popery, whereas the oaths might have been tendered them, and they returned as popish recusants; they are beholden to Serjeant Cuthbert<sup>87</sup> for that, etc.

1717. Oct. 19th. The recorder in the case of Sunderland appeared against Newcastle, in representing and stating the case, etc. Returned to Rothbury—Melden belongs to Lord Derwentwater—his father made a park there 4 mile about, and as soon as he was dead the son dissparked it. Mr. Lademan's<sup>88</sup> wife represented as frantick, or foolish; he is to have living in Hexham, Sir W. Blacket's gift.

1717. Oct. 20th. Uncle said he would never furnish the new house; if I behaved well he would leave that to me—he thought either this living or Mr. Layton Eden's<sup>89</sup> would fall to my share—

<sup>84</sup> Bureau.

<sup>85</sup> *Tocher*, marriage dower, or portion.

<sup>86</sup> Peter Mews, D.D., bishop of Winchester, who lent his horses for the artillery at Sedgemoor.

<sup>87</sup> Mr. John Cuthbert, serjeant-at-law, recorder of Newcastle from 1706 until his death on the 5th April, 1724.

<sup>88</sup> The Rev. John Laidman did not obtain the benefice of Hexham (see p. 92, *post*) but became rector of Whalton (1723-1748). His wife was Christian, daughter of Robert Mitford of Seghill.

<sup>89</sup> The vicarage of Hartburn, in the gift of the bishop of Durham, was held by the Rev. Laton Eden (brother of Sir Robert Eden, 1st bart.) from 1685 to his death, at the age of 90, on the 11th December, 1735. He married first, at Brignal, Yorks., on the 16th May, 1678, Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Johnson,

he had a bolt to shoot, which he thought would hitt, he generally did, etc. In the Bishop of Durham's gift—worth 200*l.* per annum.

1717. Oct. 21st. Cousin Jos, being told that the sermon he showed uncle was printed, said he did not know that, Mr. Townsend gave him it, and had preached it in the cathedral at Carlisle. Uncle liked mother's butter very well.

1717. Oct. 22nd. Went to Alnwick—large castle kept in good repair, an abbey near the town, a good handsome church—but a very dirty town. Uncle told the public company at dinner, that he would and my father give me 10,000*l.*; must marry, but he declared to them all he would not confine me, but he should take it ill not to be consulted. He had a finer lad at Newcastle, if he lived twenty years he would be richer than I should be. Saw B. Potts<sup>90</sup> at window, etc.

1717. Oct. 23rd. Christopher Little<sup>91</sup> gone for licence, most people wonder she should consent, etc., 12*l.* per annum joynure settled on her, she might have had 50*l.*—or she might have had the curate of Elsden. For every hundred pound a woman brings, they used to have 10*l.* per annum joynure, but now the interest of money is fallen, 9*l.* is the rule of settling.

vicar of Brignal, and had issue. He is said to have married, secondly, a Miss Aynsley of Highlaws in the parish of Hartburn; his widow was Margaret Dove of Highlaws, whom he married at Hartburn, on the 27th Nov., 1709; she was buried at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, on the 21st December, 1773.

<sup>90</sup> Miss Elizabeth Potts, mentioned in the text as B(essy) and on p. 69 as 'her of Alnwick,' was the daughter and sole heir of George Potts of Alnwick, by his wife Anne, sister and heir of Mark Forster of the same place. She was married 29th August, 1718, to Ford Grey of Alnwick, attorney-at-law, and lived a wealthy widow until 12th March, 1763. Cf. pedigree of Potts of Alnwick, *Arch. Ael.*, 3rd series, vol. iv. p. 124.

<sup>91</sup> On the 14th of February, 1654, George Little of Rothbury, took a conveyance of a burgage tenement in that village, in which he was succeeded by Christopher Little, presumably his son. The latter married, 11th June, 1678, Eleanor Carr of Whitton, and was buried 15th May, 1695, his will being dated the 7th May of that year. He had issue three sons, viz., George, baptized 11 Nov., 1688, buried, 19 July, 1697; Christopher, of whom presently; Henry, baptized 21 Dec., 1696, buried, 10 Feb., 1714/5; and four daughters, Esther, married 23 July, 1696, Robert Snowden, of Rothbury; Elizabeth, married 11 July, 1704, John Green of Thropton; Anne, married 6 Nov., 1701, John Davison of Tossion; and Margaret, married 22 June, 1722, Thomas Gibson of Wингates in Long Horsley. Christopher Little, the second and only surviving son, baptized 18 June, 1693, married, first, at Elsdon, 21 November, 1717, Isabel (daughter of the Rev. William Mitford, rector of Elsdon: see p. 92, *post*), who apparently had no issue, and dying at Whitton was buried at Rothbury, 3 October, 1718. He married, secondly, 23 Dec., 1735, Mary, daughter of Edward Ogle of Rothbury, and was buried 20 May, 1746. By his second wife he had issue, two sons, Christopher baptized 12 August, 1740, and Edward baptized 17 April, 1745, who both died in infancy, and also five daughters, viz., Sarah, Eleanor, Mary, Sarah and Mary, who all died young. Sarah, the second of the name, who was baptized 24 Oct., 1743, being the last survivor. On her death, the freehold passed to her heirs-at-law, the heirs of her father's four sisters. Mary, widow of Christopher Little, was married, secondly, 19 July, 1750, to Thomas Stagg, then excise officer at Rothbury, afterwards of Gray's Inn Road, London.

1717. Oct. 24th. A mariage-settlement made before the marriage, the woman is obliged to stand to, but if it be made after she may chuse whether she will stand to it, or have her thirds, which may be much more, if they have purchased or improved any lands or ground.

1717. Oct. 25th. Uncle would have lett me gone (*sic*) to Mr. Bilton's, but I chose to send Robin. Mr. Gamble,<sup>92</sup> a clergyman in this neighbourhood, being very much importuned to ask two persons in the church, who were within the forbidden degrees of marriage, and would not be denied their request, he complyed to ask them, and then himself forbid the banns.

1717. Oct. 26th. Cotesworth<sup>93</sup> and uncle John were made arbitrators in a matter between Alderman Ramsey and uncle Robert. People thought him invincible, and he allowed him to be a man of parts and subtilty, but he conquered him, etc.

1717. Oct. 27th. Mr. Fox<sup>94</sup> being once at Aylmer, Bishop of London's house—and when for coming out, he saw great many poor people standing at the door, and having not much money in his pocket, he asked his lordship to lend him 5*l.*—and being asked it again, he said 'indeed my lord I never intended to pay you, for I laid it out to the use you should have done.'

1717. Oct. 28th. Uncle pays the charity uses, Rothbury school, and Wigton church, etc., out of the rent charge near Hexham, and designs it for those uses, says Mr. Colingwood.<sup>95</sup> No graves in

<sup>92</sup> The Rev. Francis Gamul, vicar of Kirk-Whelpington from 1685 to his death in September, 1720. His son, Francis Gamul the younger, was bound apprentice 7 November, 1695, to John Harrison of Newcastle, barber-surgeon. Joseph Gamul, son of Francis Gamul, vicar of Kirk-Whelpington, was apprenticed, 12 Jan., 1719, to Richard Ridley of Newcastle, hostman, and was admitted free of the Hostmen's Company, 23 Jan., 1727.

<sup>93</sup> Mr. William Cotesworth of Gateshead, merchant, who, for his first wife, married, at St. John's, Newcastle, 9 May, 1699, Hannah, daughter of William Ramsay, alderman of Newcastle. Cf. p. 81, *supra*.

Miss Cotesworth has pointed out to the Editor that in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv., p. 145, William Cotesworth of Gateshead is confounded with a contemporary of the same name. Miss Cotesworth has shown that William Cotesworth of Gateshead, sheriff of Northumberland, 1719, was a younger son of Charles Cotesworth of Eggleburn. He died in December, 1726, having had issue by his first wife, Hannah, daughter of William Ramsay, alderman of Newcastle (together with four sons named John, Charles, William and Cuthbert, who died in his lifetime), Robert Cotesworth of Gateshead-park, his heir, and two daughters, Hannah, wife of Henry Ellison of Hebburn, and Elizabeth, wife of Henry Carr of Cocken. By his second wife, Hannah Watson, who had been his housekeeper, William Cotesworth had issue a daughter Henrietta—whose legitimacy was disputed—who subsequently held an appointment as sub-governess in the royal nursery.

<sup>94</sup> John Fox, the martyrologist (1516-1587).

<sup>95</sup> 'To the rector and churchwardens of Rothbury the lease I lately purchased of John Fergy of Todhills in Elsdon, the estate which I lately purchased of Mr. William Potts, sometime of Low Trewhit, lying in Harbottle, the estate I lately bought of George Brown in Sharperton, the yearly rent to be laid out in binding to trades and sending to the University such of the poor scholars as

churches till of late ; they first gott into the church-porch, then into the body of the church, and last of all into the chancell. Bishop Rainbow<sup>96</sup> would not be buryed in the church, he said it was for the living and not for the dead. He lyes in Dalston church-yard. It is so said of Dr. Compton.<sup>97</sup>

1717. Oct. 29th. Uncle went with Christopher Little to Ellsden, and I and Robin to Mr. Colingwood's—he trusts me there, a sign he would have Dolly, but I am resolved against it. Our dinner was well enough drest, but I cannot approve her person. Called at Mr. Park's—he asked me how I liked her, I said very well something faintly and waved the discourse, etc. Desired the ladies there they would grace our church another Sunday.

1717. Oct. 30th. Mr. Colingwood says Mrs. Park will not come to church unless it be to hear me preach. She and five more ladys came last Sunday in afternoon and were not there in fore-noon. Told Mr. Colingwood uncle Robert was best among the family, and that I would keep a better house, or some such thing, when I had the management, but will take care for the future, for I can foresee a breach of friendship between me and him.

1717. Oct. 31st. Mrs. Bilton and neice at church last Sunday—told us Mrs. Cooper was married—say Mr. Werg<sup>98</sup> promised and deserted her, but she is now better matched. Mr. Colingwood will give us as many trees as we desire. Uncle sent me for them that I might be the person that should be obliged to him for them, and will make these a reason for Dolly's meriting me as a husband. His gardener came over to us, he gott 2s. 6d.

1717. November 1st. Gave Mrs. Peggy Hall<sup>98a</sup> a handercher—Mrs. Dolly, etc., were displeased, I believe, that I should leave them and go to Mrs. Park, her sister Mrs. Wilson,<sup>99</sup> etc. So unreasonable are women and so difficult is it to keep freinds with many. A report that Mr. Maffine (?) has gott a discharge—uncle makes it a judgement<sup>100</sup> upon him for neglecting prayers so often, when loitering on the bench, etc.

they and the Four and Twenty shall think deserving. I also give to the said churchwardens and Four and Twenty the rent charge of £20 out of lands at Bickerton lately bought of John Snowden of Newcastle, with the house I have erected for a schoolmaster and school, viz., £14 per annum and the house to the head-master and £6 per annum to the under-master.' Will of John Thomlinson, rector of Rothbury, dated 12 Feb., 1719 20.

<sup>96</sup> Edward Rainbow, D.D., bishop of Carlisle (1664-1684).

<sup>97</sup> Henry Compton, D.D. (1632-1713), bishop of London.

<sup>98</sup> Probably the Rev. Richard Werge, curate of Alnwick (1712-1718), vicar of Hartburn from 1735 until his death, 13 Dec., 1749, aged 66.

<sup>98a</sup> Probably a Miss Hall of Fallowlees in the parish of Rothbury. Cf. *Arch. Ael.*, 3rd series, vol. v. p. 32.

<sup>99</sup> Mrs. Gilbert Park was Jane, daughter of George Wilson of Ulgham, by his second wife, Sarah, daughter of Edward Cook of Amble New-hall. Her sister Sarah Wilson, baptized at Ulgham, 7 July, 1698, died unmarried in 1792.

<sup>100</sup> 'When anything unpleasant happens to one's friends, one calls it a visitation, but if to an enemy, it is a judgment.'

1717. Nov. 2nd. Mrs. Park gave me syrup with brandy, very genteel and necessary thing. Uncle says Broomfield<sup>101</sup> had lost that ten pound allowed to the school by the Mercers, if he had not been. Nelly said uncle was the blackest face that ever Rothbury saw.

1717. Nov. 3rd. Preached in the afternoon, but could scarce read, it was so dark. In Sir William Dugdale's<sup>102</sup> short *View*—the Jesuits and Dissenters paralleled. Doleman's<sup>103</sup> or Parsons' Title to the Crown, the most pestilent book that ever was writt against the government.

1717. Nov. 4th. Went to Horsley; uncle said I must mind the way, he would leave me to myself sometime, I should not want him to manage the parish, or I should be able to do it without him sometime, etc. Mr. Cowper saying he coveted uncle Robert's acquaintance, he was a usefull man, had a fine library,<sup>104</sup> etc. Uncle John said 'you talk of library, why, the best part of them are mine,' etc. Mr. Cowper begged his pardon, he did not know. Mrs. Bilton very kind, gave me peach, pear and apple, and fetched out a bottle of gooseberry-wine, because I would drink no brandy.

1717. Nov. 5th. On Sunday, giving notice of this day, called it a fast, and this day prayed for K[ing] Ch[arles] instead of K[ing] W[illiam].<sup>105</sup> No pews in churches, till since the Reformation only for the better sort, and the parson had the profit of them. Writt for uncle Robert to come and advise us about the house finishing.

1717. Nov. 6th. Mr. Werg<sup>106</sup> asked me to change churches for one Sunday when I was at Alnwick, lent me Dr. Jenkins.<sup>107</sup> When I went and told uncle on Monday that I had rather stay at home, I had gott a cold, he said 'no, you'll do your self harm,' he thought, I believe, the hip was coming upon me,—riding is good for a cold. As stubborn as Mahomet's mountain, which he commanded to remove to him, but it would not.

1717. Nov. 7th. Lord Peterborough's conduct in Spain—thought a romance, even in these days, when there are hundreds

<sup>101</sup> Before Mr. John Thomlinson was preferred to the rectory of Rothbury he had been vicar of Bromfield.

<sup>102</sup> Dugdale, *View of the late Troubles in England*, 1681.

<sup>103</sup> Doleman, an alias of Robert Parsons the Jesuit, author of *A Conference about the next Succession to the Crowne of England*, 1594.

<sup>104</sup> This, of course, is the library which Dr. Robert Thomlinson, by a codicil to his will dated the 18th of November, 1745, bequeathed 'to the Corporation of Newcastle for public use.' It was housed in a building, adjoining St. Nicholas's, previously built for the purpose by Sir Walter Blackett, who also provided an endowment for a librarian. This institution had been culpably mismanaged and such of the books as have been preserved are now deposited in the Public Library of Newcastle.

<sup>105</sup> Two lines here are crossed out so carefully that they cannot be read.

<sup>106</sup> See p. 88, *supra*.

<sup>107</sup> Robert Jenkin, D.D., *The Reasonableness and Certainty of the Christian Religion*, 1696.

living that have been witnesses of his actions—when one had killed a soldier of his, and run to a convent for sanctuary, he complained to the emperour and desired justice, the emperour told him he was fled to sanctuary; nay, says my lord, and you keep sanctuaries for murtherers, I have no more to say—and so went with 40 or 50 granadiers and entered the convent, and pulled the criminal from the altar, which he was embracing, by cutting his hands and fingers, etc., had a gallows erected just before the palace, and (I beleive, himself) hanged him in the emperour's sight.

1717. Nov. 8th. Lord Peterborough<sup>108</sup> reduced Arragon, Valentia and Catalonia in one year, and yet the ministry instead of thanking him, the ministry called him to an account, etc.—and yet could thank the French refugee (as he called him). He took Barcelona with 7,000 men, when there were 8,000 in the town. When they came to attack the citadel, that has communication with Barcelona (where the prince of Hesse Cassel was killed), coming to their entrenchments and not being able to gett over, he bid the granadiers throw him over, and being over he bid them follow him, and he would engage they should demolish them. There were 1,400 men killed in a quarter of an hour at the taking that citadel. He would say to the common soldiers, 'come, my lads, you shall all be generals—and the devil take the hindmost,' etc.

1717. Nov. 9th. A bagnio in Edinburgh, marble floor, and the walls and arch with square tile after the Dutch fashion in chimneys—kept warm in a wood thing held together by a thing called 'cratch,' the refuse of the salt-pitts, the wetter the harder it is, very good for tiles of houses, etc. Much stung with the reflection of being suspected guilty of a lye, about the bowel of punch Mr. Dulap made us. Uncle said they would fain have Mrs. Dolly and me acquainted, but uncle Robert will not hear of it, he will not allow that she can dress a dish of meat well—indeed, I must confess (says uncle John) they have not had the best education; but your uncle Robert has one in view that has both a greater fortune and a genteeler woman; thô she (Dolly) is a frugal woman.

1717. Nov. 10th. Mr. Colingwood and his two daughters came to Warton on Friday, they (Mrs. Park said) would have had me if uncle had been away, or come to see me. We should have gone yesterday, but it was such a bad day that Mr. Dulap did not come up to ask, etc. This day Mrs. D. came to church with Mr. Park, her father and sister went home this morning. Talking of Mr. Douglas,<sup>109</sup> uncle said that uncle Robert had rather 'I should have

<sup>108</sup> Charles Mordaunt, third Earl of Peterborough (1658-1735). His conduct as Commander in Chief of the British Forces in Spain was the subject of a Parliamentary inquiry; he was exonerated and, 10 Feb., 1710/1, received a vote of thanks for his services.

<sup>109</sup> Mr John Douglas, of Scottish origin, made a large fortune as an attorney in Newcastle, and purchased Matfen *circa* 1680. By his wife Alicia, daughter of Michael Hutchinson of Leeds, he had issue (at least) seven daughters as well as a similar number of sons, and died about 1727.

his daughter than Dolly Colingwood, but he has one in view with 3,000*l.* whose father is the most likely man too to gett me a living of any man he knows, as times now go.

1717. Nov. 11th. Dr. Butler laid a wager with his landlord at Dolphin in Cambridge—thô he was alone in the feilds that he could leap such a ditch—he did, but at the second he fell in—a young scholar seeing him and having overheard all the rest, said, ‘indeed, sir, you’ve lost,’ etc.—He once called a lady a whore—and being persuaded to beg pardon—said—‘I called you a whore, ’tis true, I’m sorry for’t.’ He learned of a drawer that to putt ale to sack spoiled it, but not, etc.

1717. Nov. 12th. Shavings of beasts’ hydes good for sore backs of horses. Bishop Latimer told his keeper that if he did not take care of him, he would deceive them,—they were for doubling the guards, but he meant he should dye, if they were not kinder, etc. In France they will not suffer a protestant to be buried—because a heretick—in Christian ground, but Moliere said nine foot deep was not Christian ground—so, one said, colliers might sware, etc., they were not on Christian ground.

1717. Nov. 13th. Huygenius first adapted pendulums to clocks.<sup>110</sup> Watson—a mechanic—made a representation of the whole heavens, but it was after Ptolomy’s hypothesis. If one take any thing of the common and improve it, he looses his right of common. Freehold must certainly hedge to the common—otherwise we must have herds to the common, etc.

1717. Nov. 14th. Uncle Robert came here to advise about finishing the house, and yet uncle John would not be ruled by him. Ambrose has 57 days to reckon for, besides the agreement made between them. He would for 1*s.* per day—and his man 8*d.*, or 6*d.* each and have their meat—plaisterers do it for three halfpence per yard on the wall, and two pence halfpenny for ceiling.

1717. Nov. 15th. Uncle Robert says uncle John cares not how soon I was married—thinks of John Ord’s<sup>111</sup> daughter—the eldest; she is a religious, good natured woman, not so handsome as the second who is a proud, conceiting herself to be a witt, etc. Neither the mother nor the eldest daughter are women of parts, or extraordinary sense, but enough to manage a house, etc. They think John may gett me this living, being acquainted with Mr. Sharp’s brother, the lawyer, and he will do brother Richard business about the mill.

<sup>110</sup> The discovery, or rather the application, of the principle of the pendulum in clock-making, has been ascribed to a son of Galileo, Avicenna, Hooke, Harris, and others as well as to Huyghens.

<sup>111</sup> See p. 72, *supra*. These ladies were probably the daughters of John Ord’s second marriage with Anne, daughter of Michael Hutchinson of Leeds; they were Elizabeth, born 1693; Alice, born 1698, afterwards wife of Abraham Dixon of Newcastle, merchant, and of Belford; and Margaret, born 1699; Susanna, born 1702; and Ursula.

1717. Nov. 16th. Some thoughts of Sir G. Wheler's youngest daughter<sup>112</sup> and very managing woman, keeps account of all matters of house and husbandry, etc. Mr. Lademan and Mr. Cowlin, having both recommendations from the town of Hexam,<sup>113</sup> the Company of Mercers whose gift the lecturer's place was in, said that to return either of them, must disoblige a great part of the town, and therefore they would send a third to whom they thought the town could find no exception.

1717. Nov. 17th. Went to see Mr. Colingwood's daughters, etc. Mr. Nicholson's wife sent another letter to uncle, to give her the little money that is due to her—Uncle in his answer tells her of assignations in woods with other women's husbands, etc.

1717. Nov. 18th. More plague than enough about this money of Mr. Douglas's, etc. Mr. Twentyman,<sup>114</sup> a candidate for Alnwick, a (*sic*) gave him a good character to Mr. Nicholson, who is to be an examiner, he said he would give him his interest for my sake, etc.

1717. Nov. 19th. When [*a space left*] murthered his master, Mauritius—the Pope Boniface VIII. declared for universal supremacy—and the same year Mahomet published his Alcoran. Uncle putt's about five bushels in a hogshead in his drink. B. Haddon insinuated as if she would wash me my bands, etc. She took notice how badly they were done, etc.

1717. Nov. 20th. Went to Elsden, marryed Christopher Little and Mrs. Mitford,<sup>115</sup> at their entreaty—she dissatisfied that none of

<sup>112</sup> Judith, ninth and youngest daughter of Sir George Wheler, knight, prebendary of the second stall in Durham Cathedral, and rector of Houghton-le-Spring, was married 19 June, 1722, to Thomas Sharpe, D.D., archdeacon of Northumberland, etc. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. i. p. 176.

<sup>113</sup> Mr. George Ritschell, the younger, lecturer (and also perpetual curate) of Hexham, died in 1717, when Mr. Thomas Andrewes of Queen's College, Oxford, was appointed by the Mercers Company lecturer in his room. His competitors were the Rev. John Laidman named on p. 85, *supra*, and the Rev. — Cowling, evidently the person of that name mentioned on p. 69, *supra*.

<sup>114</sup> A clergyman named Twentyman was subsequently curate at Whittingham.

<sup>115</sup> Mrs. Little's father, Mr. William Mitford, was fifth son of Mr. Robert Mitford of Mitford, by his wife Philadelphia, daughter of Humphrey Wharton of Gillingwood. Educated at the University of Glasgow, he was presented to the rectory of Elsden in 1674, and died there in April, 1715. By his wife Isabel (who was buried 8 Feb., 1725/6), he had issue four sons, Michael, William, Robert and Humphrey, and five daughters, Philadelphia, Mary, Anne (who died at Newcastle, 28 Sept., 1778), Isabel, wife of Christopher Little of Rothbury, and Elizabeth. The eldest son, Michael Mitford, took orders, and, after being curate to Mr. Robert Thominson at Whickham, became vicar of Edlington. He married at Whickham, 22 January, 1718/9, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Shafto of Swalwell, by whom he had (perhaps with other) issue, three daughters, Eleanor, married 10 Nov., 1763, William Spours of the parish of Edlington, and died 13 Feb., 1800; Isabel, died unmarried, June, 1745, aged 24; and Anne, married 25 Jan., 1750/1, Gabriel Hall of Cawledge-park, son of Thomas Hall of Hatherwick, and died 4 September, 1812.

her sisters should be there—Robert Snowdon very unmannerly—stept in before me to dance with the bride for garter, thô I importuned him, and 'she desired it—he came likewise blustering that he must have me away, would not go home without me, etc.

1717. Nov. 21st. Found that they had sent flower of brimstone instead of powder—good luck that I shaked most of it out as soon as I went in the house, never such a misfortune happened any man, I had not patience scarce to think of it. Robin has been told by several that I was going to marry Dolly Collingwood. I told them there was no such thing, etc.

1717. Nov. 22nd. Bridegroom came here last night—uncle said 'we shall all be ashamed—what leave her the second night!' Uncle was not willing I should go on Sunday—and as soon as I discovered his disposition towards it, I told him no, it was not proper for me to go, since Christopher would not take the trouble of coming to ask him, when here, etc.

1717. Nov. 23rd. Gott cold on Thursday by coming out a little warmer than ordinary with dancing. Talk of a change in the ministry—Cadogan turned out and Argyle to be made Master of the Horse. Lord Trevor to come into the ministry—the greatest statesman in Europe, but has declared he would never come in unless Lord Nottingham and Sir Thomas Hanmer came in too, that they might enter into a league, and stand or fall together.

1717. Nov. 24th. Uncle preached this day—talked of ministers chusing subjects to preach on, which they could best speak to, and not which was most necessary for the audience—thought it levelled partly at me—he having hinted some such thing before in his discourse.

1717. Nov. 25th. Mr. Hall tells me that Mr. Dulap said that was it all the amends uncle could make them for praying for the Pretender<sup>115a</sup> to bring a Jacobite here—meaning me. So said one Robinson. Mr. Hugh Park,<sup>116</sup> a Jacobite—was mounted to go to the rebellion, some say.

1717. Nov. 26th. Sent for a spade to Newcastle for myself. Writt to Charles to give the money for sword to Mr. Brigby, to enquire of Mr. Heald's books, and the Virgil Wynn borrowed, etc.—Left it to Charles's generosity to give me what he pleased for sword and candlesticks, etc.

<sup>115a</sup> Cf. p. 66, *supra*.

<sup>116</sup> Mr. Hugh Park of Ryehill was presumably a son of Gilbert Park of Warton (who died at Ryehill and was buried at Rothbury, 29 Dec. 1707), by his second wife, Margaret Sanderson, who was laid beside her husband on the 3rd April, 1708. He married, 4 July, 1709, Elizabeth Bell of Rothbury, by whom he had (perhaps with other) issue four daughters, viz., Penelope, baptized 29 August, 1710; Margaret, baptized 1 July, 1712; Mary, baptized 21 August, 1714; and Elizabeth, baptized 10 October, 1716. He was buried within the communion rails of Rothbury church, under a stone with the following inscription:—'Hugh Park, of Rye | hill departed this life | March ye 19, 1724 [i.e. 1723/4] | aged 56 years.'

1717. Nov. 27th. Rob. Snowdon<sup>117</sup> came into us when at Christopher Little, almost drunk, I think,—talked very impertinently to Mr. Hall about his being content—I said it was good being content with 5 or 600*l.* per annum—he talked of my having a good estate and living and if I was not content I was a fool—I kept my temper and came away. Told John Clark to please himself in buying a gown, so it was wadded.

1717. Nov. 28th. Gave Ambrose 1*s.* to drink t'other night when he was almost fudled, repented that I did not keep it for another day. . . . .<sup>118</sup> Were merry last night—came in great pomp to Whitton. Had a good dinner, better drest than I expected. Uncle was in a passion with Mr. Bales—he says talked of turning him out, etc. I believe the thing that netled uncle was that he insinuated as much as if uncle had not read the new philosophy, but stuck to the old.

1717. Nov. 29th. Mr. Bales declared that he was ignorant of their design to carry the young woman of—he did talk to her of performing her promise and interceded for the man, but little thought of their design. He would maintain Mr. Lock on *Human Understanding* quite through, etc. Julius Cesar could dictate to five people at once, five several things, etc.

1717. Nov. 30th. Uncle says the next gloves he getts must be either at my wedding or Jane's—he'll contrive 'em so that he shall have no occasion to buy any more. Mrs. Mitford said that D. Colingwood was a very odd tempered girl, when she went to school at Newcastle with her daughters—talking of her beauty, she said she was indifferent well, I said I would have one very well or none, I would have no indifferents, etc.

1717. Dec. 1st. Dined at Christopher's—they would call [me] Jack among th' women, for I was always among 'em—I deserved one very well, I took so much care of them. Was much out [of] humour this morning. Uncle gave me a citation to read and would not tell me how, etc. He has preached two Sundays together.

1717. Dec. 2nd. Don Scotus could read one thing, *i.e.*, mentally, could write another, and talk about a third. Dined with Robert Snowdon—he is said to be very abusive, especially in drink—vapours and thinks to tread the world under his feet. Great dispute about woodcocks, what becomes of them in summer—some say they go to Sweden, Norway, etc., and come here in winter, but none ever saw any come. All agreed that swallows lye in a state of death, etc.

1717. Dec. 3rd. The Gregorian account begun about 1500—a

<sup>117</sup> Robert Snowdon of Rothbury, afterwards of Whitton, married at Rothbury, 23 July, 1696, Esther, eldest sister of Christopher Little. He made his will on the 25th May, 1749, and left (perhaps with other) issue two sons, Henry, to whom his father gave his property at Whitton, and George, who, on his brother's death, *s.p.*, succeeded to that property, which was sold by his son, Christopher Snowdon of Rothbury, on the 13th August, 1804.

<sup>118</sup> Three-and-a-half lines are very carefully crossed through here, and cannot be read.

reformation of the calendar by Pope Gregory the XIII.—called now New Style—consists of 365 days, 5 hours 49', and 12"—but ought to be 16"—Old Style consists of 365 days, 6 hours—and before Julius Cesar it consisted only of 365 days. Ten days in October by Pope Gregory—from the 4th to the 14th—were struck out, so that they are 10 days before us—I beleive eleven now, for want of the 4".

1717. Dec. 4th. The Scotch gent's. servant, for confirmation of what his master had said—told the gent. Mrs.— that they had cabbages so large, that their wain one day was sheltered from a violent shower of hail, etc.—and their cheeses, thô he could not tell exactly whether they were as big as a mill-wheel, yet he was sure they (*sic*) whey that came from them drove three mills about—and their house was so high that one Sunday he heard the angels singing psalms in he'en—*i.e.*, heaven.

1717. Dec. 5th. Buxtorf<sup>119</sup> tells us that the rabbis make the behemoth a great bull, and the leviathan a great fish—both which must be dressed at the Messias's coming, and wine out of Adam's cellar to drink, all proved from Scripture, as they wrest it, a bird's egg falling, broke down three hundred cedars, and drowned sixty villages—in the same book.

1717. Dec. 6th. Lord Scarborough's<sup>120</sup> father entertaining King Charles at Lumley Castle asked him whether he would have his dishes come up in course or one by one, the king answered one by one, at which the earl held up his hands and thanked God they had a king that knew how to eat, etc.

1717. Dec. 7th. A pain in one stone, that wanders out in my back and legs sometimes. People talk of my marrying Dolly—Mrs. Hummell prepared a good dinner for us, and uncle would not go—she sent me a leg of turkey.

1717. Dec. 8th. Had a bowl of punch of Christopher—they are very kind—his wife send (*sic*) for my bands and washed—as much difference between those she washed and Jenny's as between fowl ones and clean.<sup>121</sup>

1717. Dec. 9th. Writt the other day to Mr. Brigby—ordered him to call on Witty (*sic*) about her spoon and Mr. Watson, etc. Uncle said Mr. Fenwick was a pretty young man enough, but would never thrive. I was surprized. He said because he had an estate in church lands at Brenckburn<sup>122</sup> and would not keep up the abbey, and have divine service in it.

<sup>119</sup> John Buxtorf, author of *Synagoga Judaica*, 1656, etc., etc.

<sup>120</sup> The first Earl of Scarborough, who died 17 Dec., 1721, succeeded his grandfather, Sir Richard Lumley of Lumley, knight, who was created Viscount Lumley in the peerage of Ireland.

<sup>121</sup> A line is thickly crossed out here.

<sup>122</sup> Mr. John Fenwick of Stanton and Brinkburn was eldest son of Roger Fenwick of Stanton, by his marriage with Elizabeth, daughter and heir of George Fenwick of Brinkburn. He was born on the 24th February, 1698, and for his first wife married Margaret, daughter and coheir of William Fenwick of Bywell, thus uniting in his issue the three houses of Stanton, Brinkburn and Bywell.

1717. Dec. 10th. Mr. Fletcher<sup>123</sup> and Vane have agreed that suit in chancery—the former is to have 500*l.* per annum for life and 1,300*l.* in hand, and the rest to be divided between Mr. Vane and brother Sir Francis Bowes<sup>124</sup> five daughters; Wigton and Weedup-wood is in their share: uncle says Mr. Fletcher has payed no legacys, so that the estate is encumbered above 1,300*l.*

1717. Dec. 11th. Mr. Rothery<sup>125</sup> has changed Broomfeild for a Fellowship in Queen's College with Mr. Jos. Nicholson's brother—he has some lecture-ship in London and will not come down himself—Mr. Brown proposed to my uncle his getting him an equivalent in London and giving me Broomfeild, but he is not willing.

1717. Dec. 12th. Mrs. Douglass<sup>126</sup> very kind—gave me sack. Mark Foster, etc., petitioned uncle for his contribution to raise a hundred pound for the minister of Alnwick,<sup>127</sup> and proposed Dr. Morton's example to him (who had given them 100*l.*)—he replyed it was a shame for so many rich men to ask him to help to make up 100*l.*

1717. Dec. 13th. Uncle told them they should rather propose his example to Dr. Morton,<sup>128</sup> who had given away ten times as much—nor was it Dr. Morton's own charity—it was left in his hands

<sup>123</sup> Sir Henry Fletcher of Hutton in Cumberland, third bart., died as a monk at Douay in 1712, having settled his estate on his kinsman Thomas Fletcher of Moresby. The settlement was contested by Sir Henry's sisters and coheirs, and, after some litigation, under terms of accommodation the said Thomas Fletcher was permitted to enjoy Hutton for his life, and, on his death without issue, the property reverted to Henry Vane (bapt. 8 June, 1689), second son of Lionel Vane of Long Newton in the County of Durham, by his wife Catherine, sister of Sir Henry and daughter of Sir George Fletcher, bart. Henry Vane, on succeeding to the estates assumed the name of Fletcher. Cf. Nicolson and Burn, *Westmorland and Cumberland*, vol. ii. p. 391. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 214; and Ferguson, *The M.P.'s of Cumberland*, p. 358.

<sup>124</sup> Francis Bowes of Thornton, county Durham, son of Sir Francis Bowes of the same place, married Lucy, uterine sister of Sir Henry Fletcher, by whom he had, with other children who died in infancy, four daughters: Margaret, baptized 15 Jan., 1678, living 1734 unmarried; Catherine, baptized 27 Jan., 1682; Alice wife of William Wanley; and Lucy, who was living unmarried in 1734.

<sup>125</sup> See p. 81, *supra*.

<sup>126</sup> See p. 90, *supra*.

<sup>127</sup> During the seventeenth century the slender revenues of the perpetual curacy of Alnwick were usually augmented by the chamberlains and four and twenty of the borough, who, forming the municipal authority of the town, claimed and exercised the patronage. Mr. Richard Werge, who had been appointed in 1712, was not happy in his office, and subsequently, on the 25th of March, 1718, resigned the appointment on obtaining preferment in Essex.

Mr. Mark Forster was a merchant in Alnwick and died on the 22nd of September, 1726, aged 67 years. By his will, dated 20 Feb., 1726, he gave a rent charge to the free school, and a tenement to the benefice of Alnwick. The residue of his estate was given to his sister Anne, widow of George Potts of Alnwick, whose daughter Elizabeth was one of the well dowered ladies whom the diarist thought of in marriage. See pp. 72, 86, *supra*.

<sup>128</sup> The Venerable John Morton, D.D., of Lincoln College, Oxford, archdeacon of Northumberland from 1685 to 1722.

and another's to dispose of by two sisters, whose names were Grey—however, uncle promised to contribute as largely as any clergyman in the diocese, who had no greater preferment.

1717. Dec. 14th. Ambrose has done the windows, for which he had 24s. at the rate of 2s. per window, in five days. He was to have 197. to make the wood-work in this house except the partitions or wainscott—now I think he ought to have done the windows' seats as part of the bargain, whereas he has been paid again for them and for the frames round the windows—He had about 16s. over at the bargain.

1717. Dec. 15th. Uncle preached again, now thrice for my once—went to visit the sick<sup>129</sup>—the first time.

1717. Dec. 16th. Uncle says he will gett the eight closets made for 25s., and Ambrose was for having four or five pound.<sup>130</sup> Borrowed half a crown of Christopher till mine comes—5s. after.

1717. Dec. 17th. Design to give Christopher all my pictures but Ranelagh, Ormond and Cheval—and lend them the first, till I have occasion.<sup>131</sup> Very feaverish, took a sweat and was better.<sup>132</sup>

1717. Dec. 18th. The Roman army once marching see a crow, they ordered the army to stop—a sturdy Jew shott it, and said could that foretell any thing, that could not its own death. They failed or succeeded generally as the augurs foretold, which is to be ascribed to the fear or courage which was putt into 'em by the foretelling the one or the other, and not to any power in the auguries.

1717. Dec. 19th.<sup>133</sup> Talk of new parliament—60 members have taken Mr. Shippen's part.<sup>134</sup>

1717. Dec. 20th. Mr. Heylin's<sup>135</sup> father sending his man for him from Oxon—and having a wood to go through in the dark, the man desired him to lead, he said he could not—the man replied, I've heard my old master say that you writt a book of the world and it is hard you cannot guide through this wood—Whitch-wood. Dr. Tod<sup>136</sup> says a decent respect is to be paid to money.

<sup>129</sup> Six lines are very carefully crossed through here, and cannot be read.

<sup>130</sup> Four and a half lines are very carefully crossed out here.

<sup>131</sup> Three lines are very carefully crossed out here.

<sup>132</sup> One and a half lines are very carefully crossed out here.

<sup>133</sup> Five lines are very carefully crossed out here.

<sup>134</sup> William Shippen (1673-1743), M.P. for Newton, Lancashire, in 1714; a Jacobite; married at St. Clement Danes, London, in July, 1712, Frances, sister and coheiress of Bertram Stote of Newcastle. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv. p. 383, also *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>135</sup> Peter Heylyn (1600-1662), a son of Henry Heylyn of Burford, Oxford, was educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, and became chaplain to Charles I., rector of Houghton-le-Spring, etc. He was author of a *History of the Reformation*, 1661; *History of Presbyterianism*, 1672; etc., etc.

<sup>136</sup> Hugh Todd, D.D. of Queen's College, Oxford, successively incumbent of Kirkland, Stanwix, Arthuret and Penrith; prebendary of the fourth stall of Carlisle, and an author. Solemnly excommunicated by Dr. Nicolson, bishop of Carlisle, with whom he had ventured to differ in some chapter or cathedral

1717. Dec. 21st. Writt to brother for stock-shirt, but hear he is gone into Cumberland—Mr. Wood sent me guinea and conserve—must tell brother of it, to return him it, etc. Uncle reckons Mr. Nicholson's parish<sup>137</sup> ill-served, Alnwick well, etc.

1717. Dec. 22nd.<sup>138</sup> The Romans once going to war at some distance from home, where they staid long—so that their wives married their slaves, who would not resign when they returned, they proceeded to open battle, and the slaves gott the better,—the next time, going with rods instead of arms, they all fled and were affrighted—the rods their masters used to beat them with, etc.

1717. Dec. 23rd. The Stuarts came out of Scotland—King James I., the first in England.—They came into the Royal family by marrying David Bruce's sister—King David having no children.

1717. Dec. 24th. Some men give no other proof of their living than by eating and drinking—the same argument that Cyrus used to prove the divinity of his god Bel.<sup>139</sup>

1717. Dec. 25th. This festival was ordered to be laid aside in '44,<sup>140</sup> and a severe inquisition was sett out against the usual fare of this festival, minced pies and plumb-porridge.<sup>141</sup>

1717. Dec. 26th. The Jews out of reverence to the word, or name, of God, so long disused themselves from it, that they at last forgott how to pronounce it. Mr. Fletcher had a dinner this day, did not invite us, because uncle did not them when we had bridgroom, etc. Mr. Park nor Mr. Colingwood does not, no body cares for his company, on these occasions.

1717. Dec. 27th. Observe that if I had not luckily mett with that book of physick, which prescribed conserve, etc.—it might have killed me this sharp frost.

1717. Dec. 28th. Mr. Farington has a chappel of ease<sup>142</sup> in his parish, for which is allowed 14*l.* per annum, if not lost;—he promised my uncle he would rebuild it, have prayers and sermon, etc.

1717. Dec. 29th. W. Wood writes, That Shippen was putt in Tower for saying the second paragraph in the king's speech was cal-

dispute, he took no notice of the pretended sentence and continued to perform his duties as usual. He died at Penrith, 6 October, 1728. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>137</sup> Mr. Nicolson's parish was that of Whittingham.

<sup>138</sup> A line and a half are carefully crossed through here.

<sup>139</sup> 'Then said the king unto him, Thinkest thou not that Bel is a living god? Seest thou not how much he eateth and drinketh every day?' *Apocrypha, Bel and the Dragon*, verse 6.

<sup>140</sup> 1644, in the time of the Long Parliament.

<sup>141</sup> Three lines are very carefully crossed out here.

<sup>142</sup> If this be a reference to the chapel of Birness in the parish of Elsdon, it would seem that Mr. Farrington, who was rector of Elsdon from 1715 to 1739, was unable to carry out his intention; for that structure—which stands in an ancient burial ground—was not built until 1793. Cf. Rev. John Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*, part II., vol. i., p. 153.

culated rather for the Meridian of Germany than Great Britain, and it was the king's only misfortune that he did not well understand our constitution.

1717. Dec. 30th. B. Haddon sent me some apples, an orange, and a bottle of gooseberry wine to be drunk at Christopher's. Uncle said he would be afraid to marry me into that family (*i.e.*, Colingwood's), I should gett into such a nest of drinkers at this time, etc.

1717. Dec. 31st. Counsellor Jefferies speaking in behalf of Mr. Shippen said if every one had not their freedom to speak their thoughts,<sup>143</sup> he knew not what any of them should do here,—and it was impossible in short, says he, that the publick should be served, when so many officers and pensioners satt there to serve themselves purely and not their country.

1717/8. Jan. 1st. Preached this day, they did not use to have one before. Earnestly invited to Mr. Park's, but uncle would not go. Uncle says he will have us both marryed before another year—me first and then Jane—and then next winter he will go to the Bath.

1717/8. Jan. 2nd. The king designs for Hannover this spring and designs to appoint the Lord Chancellor, Archbishop Canterbury, etc., administrators of affairs in this absence—so that the king and prince are not reconciled, etc.

1717/8. Jan. 3rd. This parish when uncle first came was very rude and degenerate—would come into church and ne'er move their hats till just at the reading desk—and then sitt all the time, etc.—he applied to three or four of the best, and instructed them when to sitt, stand and kneel, and then bid the vulgar mind them, etc.

1717/8. Jan. 4th. Came Mr. R. Wood and dined with us, he talked of returning that night, and, so expecting every minute he would move, I sitt all the time with them, nor indeed did I think it would have been civil to have left them when Mr. Dulap was there, nor could I have studied well in the next room, as he bawled and made a noise, but yet uncle quarreled with me about it, said he see what I would be when left to my self, he was weary of them, and would have been glad to have been at liberty to have gone as I was.

1717/8. Jan. 5th. Told me I delivered that sermon the worst I had ever done any—had better have been at my study yesterday afternoon. King James the first was treated ungenteelly by his noblemen in Scotland while king there—they would open the door and go in unto him without any ceremony—but when he came to England, and three or four of them were sent to him, upon some message, and having notice of it, he made them attend nineteen or twenty days—and when they complained how long they had attended, he said, what could they not have lifted up the sneck, had they forgott their old way.

1717/8. Jan. 10th. Mr. Aglionby, Reed and Hutchinson came, raised me out of bed when all in a sweat, gott cold—they took it ill,

<sup>143</sup> *Query*, Shippen's famous speech against the Septennial Bill. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

said Mr. Park, that they could not gain admittance last week, and for that reason would not lett Mr. Colingwood send uncle word—but now I hope they are satisfied we might not hear them, etc.

1717/8. Jan. 11th.<sup>144</sup> Prince banished the court and all those that go to visit him. They talk of a comprehension. Mr. Lawson sent for by a messenger—to know the reason of his absence.

1717/8. Jan. 12th. The reason of the quarrel between king and prince occasioned by the prince refusing to ask the king of Prussia's pardon in the person of the duke of Newcastle, who should have represented him at the christening of the prince's child. When the prince first refused him, the king called a council of lords to consult whether the king of England had not power to nominate godfathers for the prince of Wales's children—they could return him no positive answer, and so he wrt to the prince, etc. Second-sight common in Scotland, hereditary in some families—Mr. Hall says the first of Dalrymple's family was principle of Glasgow<sup>145</sup>—supposed to deal with the devil—one of his daughter's could fly up and down the house—another being married was found dead the morning after the marriage, her belly open, and her bowels about her husband's neck, in a corner of a room, etc. He was told by one gent. that was in the company, that a gent. looking out of the window saw three men walking by—and turning to the company sighed, they asked him what was the matter—he said there were three gentlemen gone by the window, which he particularly described, and said he in the middle would be murdered before two of clock, the man on the right hand would be the murderer and he on the left would be taken—accordingly it was done in the park—at Edinburgh—He said this faculty of the second sight was hereditary—his great grandfather covenanted to give him his first child upon this condition, and he had the first of every family after—his grandmother being informed of this league, went and gott some divines at her delivery, who immediately baptized her child and it lived and was the finest in the family—this woman was second wife to his grandfather.

1717/8. Jan. 19th. Preached on Psalm CI.—God's goodness—uncle fell foul on it—did not take notice of the Psalmist's wish—O that men would, etc., did not speak of the duty of thanksgiving, etc. Michael Fowler says Severn and Humber are called [*a space left here*], when the tide goes out, it leaves ships dry, when it comes again, one flow will be 15 foot deep of water, that is in Severn. Rattle-snakes—when 3 year old have one rattle grow, and one every year after—he killed one with 13 rattles at the tail of it—they have a bladder under the tongue, and when they bite it bursts and poisons the man they bite and themselves too, till they runn immediately

<sup>144</sup> Three lines are very carefully crossed out here.

<sup>145</sup> James Dalrymple (1619-1695), created Viscount Stair, a Scottish lawyer and statesman, was appointed regent of the University of Glasgow in 1641, and held that office for six years. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*. Scott, *The Bride of Lammermoor*.

to an herb that grows there, and which the natives too run too (*sic*) when poisoned by them—they twist themselves in a circle with their head in the middle, and can raise themselves up to the belly and no higher,—there's an island in Virginia full of 'em, the ground is like a sieve with their holes—a great one in it on which the rest attend (say the natives) and in the head of that is the carbuncle.

1717/8. Jan. 20th. The natives of Virginia go naked, only a cover about middle, one side of their heads shaven, the rest with figures, serpents cutt on their faces; they live—in tents made of bark of trees—on venison and wild beasts. Mr. Dunlap says uncle John insinuated as much as that uncle Robert had his assistance in making that sermon that was lately so much applauded.

1717/8. Jan. 21st. Dolphin a swift fish, will go by a ship going at the rate of 12 mile an hour, as if she stood still—they live upon a fish that flys about a 100 yards, and then dips their wings and flys again—Dolphin noble victuals—there are abundance of them in latitude 36, they come no further north—they stick something into them like a pike bearded as they swim by in great shoals.

1717/8. Jan. 22nd. Harponeers find whales asleep near the shoar—they gett 6 or 8 of them upon the back of it and stick in their darts or harps—and have their boats ready and fly of—the whale runs into the deep and rises up again, and if she chance to hitt a boat with a fin or any part, she dashes it all to pieces, throws it into the air—and thus tosses and fumes up water till she be spent and dy, and then they take her up by peice meal into the ship—they have a very little swallow.

1717/8. Jan. 23rd. Virginia called so from Queen Elizabeth the Virgin, in whose reign it was found—Maryland from Queen Mary, Jamaica from King James. Sharks have five or six little fish attending on them always, which they say discover their prey—they swim about the head and it never meddles with them as it does with any other thing that comes in its way—it is a sluggish fish—has a sett of teeth growing every year after the 3rd—it will bite a man of by the middle.

1717/8. Jan. 24th. The chief rivers in Europe—the Danube and the Rhine—in Asia, Ganges and Euphrates, in Africa, Niger and Nilus, in America, Patomeck, Tanais or Orinoque. Sharks turn on their backs to take their prey, cannot bite as they swim on their bellys.

1717/8. Jan. 25th. Uncle has been here 39 years this day—had fish sent us for  $9\frac{1}{2}d.$  per score and 3s. carriage—12 score upon two horses—was yesterday with Mr. Park, Dunlap, etc.; they say they are resolved to be absent when uncle preaches, once summer comes, and they know our turns of preaching.

1717/8. Jan. 26th. Uncle says Mr. Green deals roguishly with Mrs. Mitford, etc., and I'm sure she has dealt roguishly with her daughter Isabel—took 7l. for her board the last year, when she was for the most part absent, as well as for every year since her father's

death, thô she wrought for her mother, and had not a gown but one since that time, and that she wrought, etc. She and her son Michael have forced upon Christopher Little and her, several old things to the value of 19l. 9s.—far over-valued—an old glass, 8s.—which is not worth 4s.—an old chest of drawers valued 18s.—and old fashioned, when one may buy a new and fashionable pair for a guinea or a little more.

1717/8. Jan. 27th. Uncle preached a very good sermon on the names of our Saviour, Wonderfull, Counsellour, Mighty God, etc. Find vertue grows languid—and great occasion for the divine food of the Sacrament, etc.

1717/8. Jan. 30th. My breakfast carrying up, I stopped it luckily; we walked near an hour in church after morning prayers, and then had evening prayers, and so came to dinner about three of clock. This day last year was a calf's head club in Clare-hall. Mrs. Vint tells Mr. Hall that a match is as good as concluded between me and Mrs. D. Colingwood as she hears from Mr. Park.

1717/8. Jan. 31st. Christopher and wife provided a supper for me, etc., could not go, which much disturbed them. They talk of a journey to Newcastle—and one to London, if opportunity ever be so favourable—thus I feed my fancy with pleasures that are future, and joys yet out of reach.

1717/8. Feb. 1st. Uncle had letter from bishop of Carlisle, they have now settled the affair of Wigton<sup>146</sup>—they are for having 250l. in money, instead of the rent-charge for security, which uncle is glad of, for he was not willing to part with any of it at the rate of 5 per cent., only at the bishop of London's intercession.

1717/8. Feb. 2nd. Uncle blames bishop of Carlisle; was very backward and retarded the affair of Wigton, designedly, for he had a mind to give Poole<sup>147</sup> that living, which he would have kept with Isall; he says if he had dealt so with them they might justly have called him a knave.

1717/8. Feb. 3rd. Uncle has another rent-charge<sup>148</sup> here of 20l. per annum, cost 400l. which pays the school here in Rothbury. Yesterday were bidden to Ch. Brown's wedding.<sup>149</sup> Uncle said he would settle 200l. per annum joyniture, upon one that brought 3,000l. portion. A saying upon Candlemas-day, *Si sol splendescat, Mariā purificante, Plus nivis et gelu post festum quam fuit ante.*

1717/8. Feb. 4th. Uncle's rent-charge for security, etc., was examined before the Master of the Rolls. The reason why he gives

<sup>146</sup> This statement apparently refers to a benefaction which, according to his monumental inscription in Rothbury chancel (already noted p. 68, *supra*), Mr. John Thomlinson gave as an augmentation of the benefice of Wigton.

<sup>147</sup> The Rev. William Pool, M.A., Glasgow, was vicar of Isel in Cumberland from 1711 to 1719.

<sup>148</sup> Evidently the rent-charge arising out of lands in Sharperton, given by Mr. John Thomlinson to the school at Rothbury. See p. 87, note 95, *supra*.

<sup>149</sup> Cf. p. 103, *post*.

250*l.* was, because Wigton is 32*l.* per annum, and comes near the sum, which (I think) is excluded the benefit of this bounty, viz., all livings above 35*l.* per annum, and the commissioners are resolved to give to the smaller livings first,—and there being about 30 or 40 in the same circumstances, to take of this objection, without displeasing the rest. Bishop of London<sup>150</sup> advised them to advance 50*l.* more—and so he did. The rent-charge was examined to see whether it could be parcelled or not, they thought it could, but yet the governors of Queen [Anne's] bounty sent word not, and would have money, etc.

1717/8. Dec. (? Feb.) 5th. When a man is drowned of a horse, the horse is forfeited. A Scotch man having his horse drowned in Tweed, and he escaping, went to my Lord Hume, then Hereditary Sheriff, and told him he was come to deliver himself up, etc. Uncle said brother R[ichard] was an idle Jack—running into Cumberland—at the mother's hip, where he could learn nothing was good, etc.

1717/8. Feb. 6th. Brother has writt a complementing or letter of thanks to uncle upon his being made partner with uncle Reed, full of flattery, etc., this is what has undermined me in his favour—this makes him call him the better lad, etc.

1717/8. Feb. 7th. Mr. Brigby tells me that Mr. Watson is payed, and Mrs. Witty—she charged 2*s.* for the spoon. Was yesterday at M. Wallis's wedding<sup>151</sup>—gott one of the bride's garters—his two sisters received her coldly, made her cry,—I pitied her, and me thought I could not think otherwise but that she would be unhappy, etc. To have 30*l.* fortune, which was once payed too—no care taken to secure her any settlement if he die, etc.

1717/8. Feb. 8th. Two canons in Beverege,<sup>152</sup> etc., one against christians being soldiers, the other about re-baptizing hereticks—the reason of the first was because all soldiers were obliged to sacrifice to the emperour's genius, the second related to the Paulinists, who did not baptize into the Trinity rightly understood.

Scelpers in Edinburgh, their rise was occasioned by some ladies meeting frequently under pretence of drinking tea, but drunk stronger liquors—some of their husbands being together once begun to complain, the provost's son said he would make them keep at home, if his lordship would give leave—and getting three or four more to himself they watched their motions, and as they came home about 11 of clock, they took them up and scelped them—the first happened to be his mother, the provost's lady.

1717/8. Feb. 10th. Mr. Dunlap consulting with my uncle (I fancy) about the widow. I remember he said he would court her, to see what his uncle would do for him, but now my uncle says he thinks he is in love in earnest.

<sup>150</sup> Dr. John Robinson, bishop of London (1713-1723), through marriage, was a connection of the Thomlinsons.

<sup>151</sup> 1717/8. February 6th. Charles Brown of Longhaugh and Mabel Wallas, Rothbury, married. *Rothbury Registers.*

<sup>152</sup> See p. 81, *supra*.

1717/8. Feb. 11th. Went to Newcastle: rained, so that we stopt at Ogle and stayed all night. Mr. Cutter<sup>153</sup> disordered by the severity of his father—among other things about a young lady. Uncle intimates (as he has done in other places) that he could easily cure him at the Bath—with a design that Duke Cutter should know of it, etc.

1717/8. Feb. 12th. Cost us 7s. last night, etc. Uncle gave me ten guineas at uncle Reed's, said I might manage it well, it might be a good while ere I gott as much again—I might buy a saddle, morning-gown, etc., but he thought my mother might find me with shirts.

1717/8. Feb. 13th. Cousin Clark sent a gown—too gaudy for me: took only a transient view of his letter, and saw the 17. 15s. as he had given it in to uncle Richard, and then they thought it over dear, for brother bought one as good again almost for 2 guineas at New Exchange; but was surprized to find it two pound, fifteen shillings, and one pound given in for books. Shall remember cousin Grainger; she is a near mean woman to impose so upon a relation—I can buy 18 yards of new satin here for two or three and fifty shilling, and making would not cost me above three or four more, if I employed a taylor, etc. I told John my sentiments of the matter. Harry and Charles invited me to Cambridge to sitt for Mr. Mangey's fellowship,<sup>154</sup> which he promised to resign this election upon condition I would sitt for it, otherwise he would keep it till the next—uncles would not lett me go. They propose marriage, but if their minds change (as uncle John seems very fickle, by his laying aside the thoughts of Mrs. Orde and speering out another—Mrs. Leonards in Carlisle (whose guardians he is sure he can manage, if I can make my part good with the lady), or Mrs. Davison at Beemish,<sup>155</sup> or one at Highgate Castle) I shall think my self unfortunate that I did not importune them to go to Cambridge.

<sup>153</sup> Mr. Marmaduke Cutter of Trewick in the parish of Bolam, had issue by his first wife Elizabeth, who was buried at Bolam on the 16th June, 1681, a son John Cutter, baptized 9 December, 1680, admitted to Christ's College, Cambridge, 1696; B.A., 1700; M.A., 1704; buried 25 October, 1734. He married, secondly, at Lesbury, 29 May, 1694, Magdalene Pye of the parish of Morpeth, by whom he had (perhaps with other) issue three daughters, Mary, baptized 7 May, 1695, married *circa* May, 1716, George Forster of Low Angerton; Jane, baptized 27 Nov., 1697, and buried the same year; and Dorothy, baptized 17 October, 1700, married 25 June, 1724, Bryan Grey of Kyloe, North Durham. Cf. *Whalton Registers*, Sunderland, 1908.

<sup>154</sup> *Query*, Thomas Mangey, son of Arthur Mangey of Leeds, matriculated at St John's College, Cambridge, 28 June, 1704, of which he became a fellow; a prebendary of the fifth stall in Durham Cathedral, 1721, removed to the first stall 1722, which he held to his death on the 6th March, 1755; buried in the Nine Altars in Durham Cathedral. He married *circa* 1728, Dorothy, daughter of Dr. Sharp, archbishop of York.

<sup>155</sup> Probably Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. William Davison of Beamish, county Durham, who died unmarried 10 April, 1762, aged 60, and was buried at Durham Cathedral.

1717/8. Feb. 14th. Last night putt Mrs. Orde and Wheler's name on peice of paper in a hatt, and gott the first out, etc. Laid out 2 and 4d. for garden seed, 10d. for gentien zedoary<sup>156</sup> and lozenges for uncle, and 3s. and 4d. for indentures—gott only 2s. again for garden seed, etc.

1717/8. Feb. 15th. Brother bought a wood in Scotland—for having a mill and forge in Cumberland, somewhere near Whitehaven. Uncle says they'll ruin them-selves by projecting. He tells him they keep too many clarks—uncle Reed not pleased at W. Wood's coming, says he knows nothing of the business, and is superfluous too, if he did.

1717/8. Feb. 16th. Bishop of Durham lost a lordship, as he has done two more in the neighbourhood of Whickham. This last was carryed into the House of Lords, and Sir Harry Lyddale<sup>157</sup> gott it without any opposition almost, not above one speaking in his lordship's favour, and he too, but coldly—Sir Harry is zealous for the government, and the bishop, a good-for-nought fellow,<sup>158</sup> and so they scarce had any difficulty or dispute. Preached on judging our brother. Uncle said I had not enlarged enough on the reason, etc., because we shall all appear at the judgement seat of Christ.

1717/8. Feb. 17th. Mrs. Wood said the widow Mr. Dunlap courts has been a naughty woman with a man she now has with her, whose child her last was—and with Anth.<sup>159</sup> Leighton of Whickham parish, in Newcastle somewhere. Raised a report that Mr. Dunlap was poxed, occasioned, uncle supposed, by his having once something like a fistula, for which he went sometimes to Alnwick.

1717/8. Feb. 18th. Mr. Nicholson provoked by R. Snowdon, has taken near six yards of ground from his neighbourhood to make it parallel with the gavel of his house, whereas his neighbour has had it time out of mind. Has taken some of the common too, in right, he says, of being duke of Somerset's tenant.

1717/8. Feb. 19th. Uncle says he will make R. Snowdon give him a writing for the peice he has taken of the common, or pull down his wall. He has heard by several that he is a very pert, saucy fellow, but he dare not (says he) be so before me. Uncle says all Whitton<sup>160</sup> was given to the parson, and what would they say if he should seize on it.

1717/8. Feb. 20. Went to christen a child at Heppell, lighted at G. Humbles, entertained very kindly—she would be transported to

<sup>156</sup> A medicinal root, grown in the East Indies, used as a stomachic.

<sup>157</sup> This statement apparently relates to a cause about the year 1715, in which it was decided that the bishop of Durham was entitled to the mines and Sir Henry Liddell, bart., to the soil of Blackburn Fell in the parish of Lanesley. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 214.

<sup>158</sup> This was Bishop Crew.

<sup>159</sup> Or Arth(ur), the writing is indistinct.

<sup>160</sup> Whitton Tower is the parsonage house of the rectory of Rothbury. The rector claims to be lord of the manor of the adjacent hamlet, of the lands of the freeholders as well as of his own fertile glebe.

think that I should court her cousin Reed, etc.—stayed too long—should not, because uncle will judge of my future behaviour when by my self, by what it is now. Gott new saddle and bridle—Uncle said they were cheated in the housin—cost seven shillings.

1717/8. Feb. 21st. Uncle said R. Snowdon might as well have taken a horse or an ox from Ma. Nicholson as that peice [of] ground. Robin urges it stands just before his door—Answer: ‘that’s nothing’—it was taken of the common and not from him,—and with my uncle’s leave, as lord, he supposes, thô he has forgott.

1717/8. Feb. 22nd. Mr. Mahu<sup>161</sup> would have his child baptized privately—and does not intend to bring it afterwards to church—says he has no great acquaintance here, and cannot desire any to stand godfathers, etc. Mr. Hall would not do it without this promise, etc.

1717/8. Feb. 23rd. Uncle guilty of a breach of good manners, I think, in telling Mrs. Vint of her husband’s bastards—so says Mr. Hall. One made him a present of a turkey—he refused it, because he was about doing him a good-turn, and it would look like bribery, or malicious people would call it so—but he insinuated as if it would be acceptable afterwards—saying he would not refuse such tokens of their respect.

1717/8. Feb. 24th. Cannot but resent Chilton’s telling me of Green Dick’s—may from this presume that he has told Mr. Fletcher such storys. Uncle Robert says uncle is of the project of Mrs. Orde. Uncle takes it ill that he was not consulted about buying the wood.

1717/8. March 2nd. Preached on ‘godliness is profitable,’ etc. Christopher said it should be printed. Received a letter from Mrs. Susan, all in fury at me—Brigby has exposed her about the ring, etc. Charles takes no notice of the money he owes me to him, Brigby tells me. My name subscribed to Mr. Wotton’s book.<sup>162</sup>

1717/8. March 3rd. Went for Blencogo—bad that we should have sown nothing but pease before we went, and Robin has forgott the raspberry trees, etc., at Newcastle. Told Christopher yesterday I suspected Mr. Hall had told uncle of my being at his house—they had twice designedly sent me out of the way. Uncle sitt in kitchen, while I went into the garden, as if he suspected I would go to Christopher’s—asked me what made me sitt so late up, as if he thought I had gone there after prayers, on Saturday night.

When Mr. John Thomlinson came to Rothbury on the 24th of January, 1679, he found the parsonage house unendurable for want of a covering to keep it dry, all the wood work being perfectly rotten, the chancel of the church, the repairs of which fall on the rector, was in no better plight, and the tithes were unprofitably farmed out. See Mr. Thomlinson’s own statement, printed in Mackenzie, *Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 61.

<sup>161</sup> 1718. March 25. Elizabeth *filia* Humphrey Mayhew, excise officer, Rothbury, baptized. *Rothbury Registers*.

<sup>162</sup> Probably William Wotton (1666-1726), author of *Reflections upon Ancient and Modern Learning*, 1694, etc. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

1717/8. March 4th. Pleasant countrey on the west of Chip-chase, on the river Tine. Carrow may be improved to 300*l.* per annum. Twelve hundred mice marching rank and file between Leith and Edinburgh—they fly desolation. Jos. Pattinson<sup>163</sup> stopt of orders—a pique of Dr. Benson's,<sup>164</sup> he urges—the bishop seeming willing some time beforehand, when his father was with his lordship.

1717/8. March 5th. Mrs. Rook told us yesterday that cousin Jos. had run into 70*l.* debt since he went into Scotland; they were going to turn him off, but through the lady's mediation, for my cousin Julian's sake, it is supposed, they are come to an accomodation, upon promise of better behaviour. Gott cold this morning with being about five minutes without my gown.

1717/8. March 6th. Pattinson, he was to go to Lord Murray's if cousin had been discarded—he had run into debt with the clothier, linen-draper, etc., and even 5*s.* with the porter. He had 10 guineas given him, at his first arrival, to buy gowns, etc., and to equip himself.

1717/8 March 7th. Tom Wilson cracked of his wife's fine bringing up his children—and they tell me she has almost starved them—makes them lie from six at night till almost twelve next day, to save victuals. His father has some land which Tom was never yet made tenant of—Uncle<sup>165</sup> says he has promised to give a hundred pound among the other children, if he will make Tom's eldest son tenant.

1717/8. March 8th. Mr. Fletcher<sup>166</sup> of Clea says brother Richard is a bright, clever young fellow—a man of his business must be able to drink a glass. Father says he treats every body he meets with—all that came had the best liquor in the house without any discrimination—thô mother told him there would be none left for me.

1717/8. March 9th. Cousin Jackson's wife beats him, or at least scolds him abominably—she is barbarous to his mother—Uncle says Jos. Dickm(an)s wife was an arrant whore—he farmed the glebe of Mr. Rothery—for that and cousin Jos. debt at Mr. Carliol's suit, he is

<sup>163</sup> Joseph Pattenson of Carlisle, was matriculated at St. John's College, Cambridge, 17 June, 1713, aged 18.

<sup>164</sup> Thomas Benson, married Mary, eldest daughter of Dr. Nicolson, bishop of Carlisle, held the benefices of Dalston and Stanwix, and also a prebend at Carlisle. See p. 70, note 17, *supra*.

<sup>165</sup> Mr. John Thomlinson was as good as his word, for by his will, dated 12 Feb., 1719/20, he gives to 'the children of Thomas Wilson of the Mains, Cumberland, by his first wife Mary Grainger, £50 a piece.' The Mrs. Wilson mentioned in the text was evidently a second wife.

<sup>166</sup> John Fletcher of Clea-hall in Cumberland, married first, Mary, daughter of Euan Christian, who left no surviving issue; and secondly, Isabella, daughter of John Senhouse of Netherhall, by whom he had a numerous issue. His son Henry Fletcher (variously described as fifth, sixth or seventh son), born *circa* 1727, entered the service of the East India Company, became a commander and a director. He was knight of the shire for Cumberland in 1768, and was made a baronet on the 20th May, 1782. Cf. *Complete Baronetage* by G. E. C., vol. v. p. 219.

thrown into gaol. And Catherine had a child within a month or two after marriage—and they say John Humes laid with Hannah that day she was married, in the car-house.

1717/8. March 10th. Father at law about Apple-garth estate, bought upon a wrong title—it will cost him more than it is worth perhaps. Uncle gave the close in Broomfeild to the living for a compensation for the tythes impropriated. In Low Moor—it is worth 30 or 40*l.* per annum. Pape Miller never had a good plea but once in his life, and he left it to try it self and lost it.

1717/8. March 11th. Jackson of St. Bees will, in company, talk to himself and say—‘ Cumberland never saw such another as thee, T. Jackson—it will have a great loss of thee,’ etc. They intend Will<sup>167</sup> for a merchant. Father would have him a husbandman—Uncle says ‘ to what purpose, he’s not like to have the land,’ etc.

1717/8. March 12th. Ion<sup>168</sup> stopt of orders—he spent extravagantly at Pattinson’s father’s—and had but about three or four shillings in his pockets; gott Jos. to borrow him fifteen or sixteen shilling of his brother, a tanner—promised to return it in a month, and it is now three or four.

1717/8. March 13th. Uncle Reed has lost four score pound of one Lawrence, in Carlisle—Father says if they had told him of it he could have secured it. One of Mr. Reed’s daughters married to Tho. Pattinson, with child before marriage long—much ado to persuade him to take her. Uncle Reed and brother borrow 300*l.* of father now, in order to pay for this wood—I writt to call in his debts in the Holm.

1717/8. March 14th. Sett forward for Rothbury—John Sander-son followed us—Uncle called him rogue and rascal, etc. He has brought in things to my father which he never had done—denied that John Slack was at our house, when they ballanced accounts, when Mr. Brown and Mr. Rook<sup>169</sup> were there—called Slack to testify what he said, and he witnessed directly against him—no account between them this 14 years—a bill made within this half year—Father told ‘em many things they could not have remembred.

1717/8. March 15th. Uncle told Mr. Rook<sup>169</sup> of Ferg. Storey’s son,<sup>170</sup> Franck Anderson, and Mrs. Park’s two brothers,<sup>171</sup> for his

<sup>167</sup> The Diarist’s brother William. Cf. p. 71, *supra*.

<sup>168</sup> Probably Joseph Ion of Eamont Bridge in Westmorland, who was matriculated at St. John’s College, Cambridge, on the 15th May, 1711, aged 16 years.

<sup>169</sup> There was a contemporary Mr. Henry Rook who, before 8 March, 1738, married Margaret, daughter of Edward Cook of Blakemoor, a cadet of the widespread family of Cook of Togston and Amble. They had issue a son, John Rook, clerk in orders, dead before 1786, and four daughters, viz., Ann, Dorothy, Margaret and Elizabeth, who are named in the will of their aunt Isabella Cook of Blakemore.

<sup>170</sup> For a pedigree of the family of Fergus Story, see new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 185.

<sup>171</sup> Mrs. Park’s brothers were the Wilsons of Ulgham.

daughters—they seem to think him slow. B. How all in tears for a cornet,—left town. Uncle asked Mr. Rook's advice about our and Morpeth butchers, he thinks the latter may hinder them for selling, etc.

Father told me that uncle designs to wed—to Mrs. Orde—to sell his estate in Cumberland and they all come and live in Northumberland. He would have me gett a horse against May or grass-time. Preached the same sermon as at Broomfield—surprized them, 'Lord saiv us,' said Sandy Hodgson—W. Blakelock came and thanked me, and bid God reward me—they said I had cleared my self of their sins and souls, etc.—and this day Robert Richardson (thô no friend) said he would go ten miles any time to hear such a one.

1717/8. March 17th. Robert Snowdon begun the dyke in our glebe, without the others consent—several yards farther west than they designed—Uncle reprimanded him, says he thinks to govern the town—he said his bull had not been in our close till yesterday, that was the first time, and John Wilson and his father say he has been in every day since we went, often twice in a day. Sett raspberry-trees—sycamores, etc.

1717/8. March the 18th. Robin went to Newcastle.—Told brother Richard about shirt that mother had given him to send me, and socks. He had also 5s. of her for me, and never spoke of it when I was at Newcastle. Told him I putt my father in mind about my sister, but could not find that they had determined anything concerning her. And that there was no fear of Parkin leaving us; no body would trust him with a farm till he had paid my father—Mother promised me two salt-sellers, when I, etc.

1717/8. March 19th. Mr. Dunlap comē home: says cousin Jos. is wonderfully reformed—she has been disordered this winter, but the lady was kind, and to her she owes her life; she says her little ones wish to be with their uncles; they like England better than Scotland. She gave her service to her good cousin John, and wonders I never wrigg to her—I find my letter miscarried. Uncle dissuaded me from preaching one of the sermons on love; might have occasion for them sometime perhaps—at Blencogo.

1717/8. March 20th. The bill for selling Forfeited Estates carried in the House of Commons 82 to 76—in the House of Lords 80 to 73. But four houses out of two hundred saved in one town, five hundred in another place drowned by the late inundation. One Mr. Mattacks, jeweller, supposed to be murthered in a bawdy house. A treaty reconciliation on foot between the king and the prince.

1717/8. March 21st. Esther Barnes dead—they enticed her from our house to Kelsick,<sup>172</sup> and then gott all her goods from her—while she lay helpless in bed. James has a design of marrying M. Barwise—90l. portion—he is to pay 100l. shortly to release the mortgage and clear the estate which is 9l. per annum. He might have had one

<sup>172</sup> Kelwick is a hamlet in the parish of Bromfield.

with seven score at [*a space left*], but not being content would attack the elder sister, worth 10*l.* per annum, she rejected him, and the other was affronted.

1717/8. March 22nd. Mr. Fletcher sick—cannot be brought to think he is in any danger of death—seems to have no sense of his sins, nor any desire for prayers—a judicial infatuation, that he should think himself in no danger of death. His son, Thomas, shows little or no concern for him—gone home again.

1717/8. March 23rd. Read an excommunication against Thomas Houy and Eleanor Robson. Bishop of London-Derry<sup>173</sup> dead—they talk Carlisle<sup>174</sup> will be translated thither and Dr. Bradford<sup>175</sup> be made bishop of Carlisle. Was last Thursday at Little Ryle for the ashes—people imagined I went a courting—do not approve of uncle's sending me alone thither, etc.

1717/8. March 24th. Sew lettuce on Monday—this day sennight—and parsley and spinage about ten days since. The Thracians used to mourn at the birth of people, and rejoice at their death. Stephen Fletcher a drunken man—Thomas not much better. Burns and heughs, words of termination to many towns—as Brenkburn and Brenk-heugh, Wester-heugh, etc.

1718. March 25th. Mr. Fletcher dead. Sam. Fletcher, the captain's<sup>176</sup> son, by Mrs. Potts, now in the gaol of Morpeth, sent to my uncle, to intercede for him with Mr. Fletcher now at the point of death—the debt 12*l.*—B. Haddon has nothing left her, they say—gloves and scarfe all she gets.

1718. March 26th. Mr. Glanvil, a younger brother, gott the estate by his elder brother being disinherited—the elder was reclaimed upon reflecting that he should provoke a father to do this—the younger kept the estate some years, and when he thought his

<sup>173</sup> St. George Ash, bishop of Cloyne in 1685, translated to Clogher in 1697, and to Londonderry in 1717.

<sup>174</sup> Dr. Nicolson, bishop of Carlisle, was translated to Londonderry in 1718, and to Cashel in 1726.

<sup>175</sup> Dr. Samuel Bradford of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, chaplain to William III. and to Queen Anne, successively a canon and dean of Westminster; appointed to be bishop of Carlisle in 1718, and translated to Rochester in 1723.

<sup>176</sup> Little is known of Captain George Fletcher of Rothbury, who died on the 25th of January, 1710/1, aged 58, during his shrievalty of Northumberland. His first wife, Rebecca, was buried at Rothbury on the 14th January, 1706/7, and he had married again with a certain Penelope before he made his will, on the 6th October, 1709. He gave annuities to his wife, to his bastard son, Samuel, and charged his lands at Spital in Rothbury with £6 per annum to be paid to the master of Rothbury school. He gave legacies to his grandchildren, Henry Martin, George Martin and Rebecca Martin, to his brothers Edward Fletcher and Anthony Fletcher, to his brother[*in-law*] William Wood, etc. Subject to these payments, he gave his property to the son or daughter, of which his wife was then with child, with remainder to his trusty friend Richard Fletcher of Newcastle, cordwainer, remainder to Thomas Fletcher of Newcastle, merchant, etc., etc., etc. The will was proved at Durham, 19 Feb. 1710/1.

elder brother thoroughly confirmed in his reformation,—he made a great dinner, invited his brother and other relations, and the last dish was the writings, which conveyed the estate to him, etc.

1718. March 27th. Selden,<sup>177</sup> who, it was known, intended his library for Oxon., desiring to borrow a manuscript, which they would not under a bond of 1,000 pound—he was so provoked, that he changed his will, and left them to Judge Hales—he afterwards gave them as they were intended, saying he ought to be executor of his reason and not his passions.

1718. March 28th. Uncle interceded hard for B. Haddon, but could gett no positive answer or resolution. All Mr. Fletcher's<sup>178</sup> houses and estate at Newcastle left to Stephen—100*l.* there he getts in money—and 30*l.* here in money, the furniture here and at Newcastle—all without any deduction or incumbrance—but there is a great deal of debt upon this estate at Rothbury.

1718. March 29th. Frost all this week past, only in the middle of the day, and snow upon the mountains. A woman dyed and not visited by any of us; I was to blame in not putting uncle in mind of it—thô I prayed for her on Wednesday in his hearing—but Mr. Hall could say she was prayed for on Sunday (when he was absent) without taking any notice of Wednesday, with design, I suppose, to transfer the blame on me.

<sup>177</sup> A space is left here, and this word is added in pencil in another hand.

<sup>178</sup> 1718. March 28th. Mr. Richard Fletcher, Rothbury, buried. *Rothbury Registers.*

Richard Fletcher, son of Thomas Fletcher of the Groat Market, Newcastle (who was buried at St. Nicholas's on the 14th July, 1675), was admitted free of the Cordwainers' Company at Newcastle in 1668, by patrimony. He married, at St. John's Church, Newcastle, 19 February, 1675/6, Mary Wardhaugh, by whom he had, with other issue, two sons, Thomas and Stephen. Under the will of his kinsman Captain George Fletcher, who was buried at Rothbury on the 29th January, 1710/1, he succeeded to certain freehold property at Rothbury with remainder to his son Thomas. His will, dated 9 December, 1715, was proved at Durham in 1718.

Thomas Fletcher, the eldest son, who succeeded to the Rothbury property, was baptized at St. John's, Newcastle, on 11th December, 1676, apprenticed, 11th December, 1692, to Henry Peareth of Newcastle, boothman, and was admitted free of the Merchants' Company on the 5th January, 1704. He married, at St. John's Church, Newcastle, 5th April, 1705, Elizabeth, daughter of William Macmorn of the Groat Market, Newcastle, and had issue, three sons, George, Richard and Thomas, who all died young, and no less than eight daughters.

Stephen Fletcher, son of the first named Richard Fletcher, was baptized at St. John's, Newcastle, 2nd January, 1677/8, and under his father's will took some property in the Groat Market, Newcastle. He married, at St. John's, 3rd October, 1724, Isabel Dodd of the City of Durham, and died in the month of October, 1740, having had, with other issue, a son, Richard Fletcher of Rothbury. The latter was baptized at St. John's, 9th December, 1725, married *circa* 1747, Judith, daughter of Robert Storrer of Rothbury, and died on the 23rd March, 1765, having had issue, nine daughters, the survivors of whom participated in the division of the proceeds of their father's property at Rothbury, offered for sale on the 2nd April, 1768, by order of the Court of Chancery. Cf. Waters, *Genealogical Notes of the Kindred Families of Longridge, Fletcher and Hawkes.* Privately printed.

1718. March 30th. Sam. Fletcher came from London, and would need turn his mother and her husband out of door and take possession, they compounded with him for quietness and gave him 20 or 30*l.* When her husband died, he came again and thought to have done so again—but she gott Lord Grey to imprison him, so that Thomas Fletcher says he could not gett out, if the 12*l.* were discharged, etc.

1718. March 31st. Thomas Fletcher was cursing his father that very night they buried him, he had left him nothing that he could keep from him, but two guineas to him and two to his wife, and 20*l.* to each child. Brother will send uncle another account, and charge the spade to myself. He had a shirt for me, and took no notice of it to me, till I told him,—mother sent me 5*s.* by him, he never spoke of it, thô I was at Newcastle since he received it.

1718. April 1st. Uncle sent me up before on a trifling errand. I suppose that he and Mr. Hall might have an opportunity of talking together—suspect that he tells stories. A doctor layd a gentleman a wager that he could not eat two eggs after every dinner for a year and never drink till an hour after, he laid it (it was his estate to, etc.) and died before the year ended—He was opened, and a hard thing about his heart—which his relation kept—made a cane head of it, lying near some radishes it dissolved—he laid the same wager with the doctor for the same estate, and won it, the eating of radishes dissolved the eggs.

1718. April 2nd. Yesterday uncle received a letter from Whickham to putt him upon going to London to gett me this living. Bishop of Carlisle being translated, Mr. Sharp's title to this living was worth nothing almost, and therefore would for a small consideration give away his right—which may be done, any time before the *Congé d'Elire* be passed by the Dean and Chapter of Londonderry.

1718. April 3rd. He has sent word he will not go, he cannot be spared, and travelling is uneasy—but is ready to resign, if they can gett Mr. Sharp's consent, and me into orders.<sup>179</sup> This seems a coldness in my concern—begin to thing (*sic*) his promise of resignation will be like that to uncle Robert—he says he'll resign it, if uncle Robert will do other things, as if he was not concerned, nor would not stir in it, when he should be the chief actor.

1718. April 4th. Uncle tells me, if I would have taken his advice, and gone into orders, he could have sent his resignation and have the business done without his going up. Begin to suspect his resolutions about Mrs. Orde, because her father was to be an instrument in getting me this living, but now it is lost, etc. Mrs. Clennell,<sup>180</sup> etc., dined here: people thought they were come to con-

<sup>179</sup> Priest's orders.

<sup>180</sup> Mrs. Clennel was a daughter of Wilfrid Lawson of Brayton, in Cumberland, and wife of Luke Clennel of Clennel, to whom she bore five sons and two daughters.

clude a match, etc. Mr. Nicholson,<sup>181</sup> lethargical, feared it will carry him of—uncle pretended a great uneasiness and sorrow for him. [They] are to meet, to have him settle his affairs—if he do not he said before them he (*sic*) all—his children may some come upon the parish.

1718. April 5th. John Sanderson desired me to speak to gent. of Alnwick, if ever I went that way, about the town-clock<sup>182</sup> they had thoughts of having, etc. Uncle says he gott Mr. Nicholson his living, and who can tell but he may gett me it—or Harbron,<sup>183</sup> which is much better—the first 120*l.* per annum, the other 180.

1718. April 6th. Writt a letter of thanks to Ch. Richardson<sup>184</sup>—told him he might think I was very indifferent, when I gott out of the way, when his letter came—but assured him I was not, and that no proposals freinds could make here, could ballance my desire for St. John's—writt to cousin Tom, junior,—*vid.*, letters, etc. And to Mrs. Susan of which I have a copy.

1718. April 7th. Told John Clark I would not be so ungrateful as to send back the gown, because I knew he must lose by it—thô he desired me to make no apology, but send it. I told him I was uneasy after I had sent him that letter after receipt of gown—having wrigg it in some warmth of passion, kindled or blown up by the instigations of one who was no freind to cousin Grainger (for he knew it came from her), and I was afraid I might have dropt some unguarded expression which he might take ill. Desired him to convey the parcell to me from Brigby, etc.

1718. April 8th. Told namesake I had tryed one woman and did not like her, I was to try another shortly, for some overtures had been made, etc., and if I found her answer the description, etc., I intended to attack her very briskly and reduce her by storm, etc. Told them I hoped to see them before any of us dyed, when I was in a capacity of showing them how much I respect them, and how much I think my self obliged to their family.

1718. April 9th. Writt to Jonathan Banks—and to Mr. Brigby about parcel, etc., told him I would not have Su. exposed—wanted to know what remarkable was in that letter he had, which she says he opened, but was returned, etc. Asked him what present would be acceptable to him, no service to him or his should ever be wanting from me, etc. Writt to Alnwick last week about books, etc.

1718. April 10th. Mr. Hall took occasion before me to tell uncle of the opportunity of getting this living, etc., the parish would be well satisfied—uncle replied the parish were no judges (which, in my

<sup>181</sup> Mr. Joseph Nicolson, vicar of Whittingham, died in 1722.

<sup>182</sup> A new clock was ordered by the Chamberlains and the Four and Twenty of the borough of Alnwick, in 1717, but it was apparently made by a clock-maker named Ogden. Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii. p. 263.

<sup>183</sup> Hartburn vicarage.

<sup>184</sup> Probably Charles Richardson, a Cumberland man, who matriculated at St. John's College, Cambridge, 6 July, 1709.

mind, insinuates that I am not so good a preacher, etc.), when I had lived so long amongst them as he, the sunshine of their favours would decline—Mr. Hall urged where one loved and was beloved, they might do good, etc., but he said no, he could not go—nor could it be done for want of priest's orders—might take that for not taking his counsel, etc. He said, *Deus Providebit*—if I was good—Mr. Hall said means should be used. I thought *Deus* must provide, for I see you will not.

1718. April 11th. Uncle said more have been at prayers this week than any Easter ever since he came. Uncle finds fault with every sermon I make—my last had good things in it, but was not all *apropos*. Says I should descend to particulars, etc., talks against general discourses and speculative matters oft in his sermons—seem to hint at me. Ninety one communicants, more than ever on this day since he came, used to think 40 considerable.

1718. April 12th. Sattin gown, new, which brother, etc., thought second hand. Sister has cutt one side of it, etc. Mr. Bilton's neice<sup>185</sup> marryed without their privity. Mr. Cowper so long of repaying uncle's visit, that he's resolved not to go in hast after he comes.

1718. April 13th. Mr. Werg reported to have offered to lay with two or three men's wifes in Alnwick—one was the day before sacrament—she asked him how he durst, when he knew he was the next day to administer sacrament and she to receive it—he replied love was a noble passion, and God would indulge it. This sent up to London, and they say he is stopt of the living.

1718. April 14th. Mr. Simco<sup>186</sup> took Mr. Bilton to Alnwick; a wrong step he did not come to uncle—for he has great interest there. Mr. Mark Forster,<sup>187</sup> and Anderson<sup>188</sup> and Grey are the leading men. We had, I think, 95 at sacrament yesterday.<sup>189a</sup>

1718. April 15th. Mr. Carnaby<sup>189</sup> said John Steel lived in a little

<sup>185</sup> Probably Margaret, daughter of James Bilton of Throphill, in Mitford, and niece to Joseph Bilton of Brinkheugh; married at Mitford, 8 May, 1717, to Thomas Forster of Corsenside, afterwards of Throphill.

<sup>186</sup> The Rev. William Simcoe, vicar of Long Horsley, 1692-1714. His widow Jane married secondly, before 30 July, 1718, Mr. Maurice Housetown. Another William Simcoe was curate of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, and chaplain to the prisoners in Newgate, 1722-1724; vicar of Woodhorn, from 1724 to his death, 8 March, 1766. He did not obtain the Alnwick curacy, to which Mr. John Lambton was elected.

<sup>187</sup> Mark Forster of Alnwick, merchant, baptized there on the 4th September, 1659, as son of Thomas Forster of the same place. He married twice but died s.p., 22 September, 1726. By his will, dated 20 February, 1725/6, he gave a rent charge to Alnwick school, and a house and garden in Clayport to the minister of Alnwick.

<sup>188</sup> 1737. Sept. 10th. Mr. Francis Anderson, bailiff to ye Duke of Somerset, buried. *Alnwick Registers*. He was brother-in-law of Thomas Forster of Adderston who died in 1725.

<sup>189a</sup> Easter Sunday in 1718 fell on April 13th.

<sup>189</sup> Probably Mr. William Carnaby of Great Tosson. A pedigree of this family may be found in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv. p. 20.

dark alley—she washed linnen, said she lived without him—he would be away for a month sometimes,—said he was a tyde-waiter<sup>190</sup> at Woolwich ; Mr. Carnaby enquired, and they knew no such man, he called on him in the Hay-market once, well mounted with pistols and so another along with him—he said they were going into Warwickshire for a gent. about great business.

1718. April 16th. George Forster<sup>191</sup> guilty of unfair practices about the widow Forster, etc., her husband had gone very far in settling the estate on him, when she had 2 children to him, etc., Wil. Storerr. She has laid aside all her sparks for Dunlap ; thô he was poxed, etc.—but is not for him neither without his uncle settles some *terra firma*.

1718. April 17th. Was yesterday at Ryle. Mr. Burrel there, next to a fool or great dunce, said Mr. Park. D[olly] in silk, but uncouthly dressed. Had tea, uncle said he found I would out-do him among the ladies. Mrs. Howard,<sup>192</sup> rid in habit on little horse, was ever where there was any feast, etc., played well on the fiddle, came from south, had lost her sweet-heart, etc.

1718. April 18th. Mr. Farrington netled that uncle should say he could part any men fighting in his parish, etc.—*Quem Pietate gravem*, etc. (*sic*), says he ; Farrington said it would be a fruitless peice of work to go and pretend to reason a bedlamite into his senses. Uncle says this wine he has bought (4 dozen) will be brave wedding wine—he has told uncle Robert so.

1718. April 19th. Uncle says he designs to have Mr. Julian Rook and a neice of his here about Whitsuntide. Mr. Nicholson flatters uncle hyperbolically—all the company, Mr. Lodge<sup>193</sup> and Farrington sneer and laugh in their sleeves, etc. Dr. Hutchinson's living 200*l.* almost all in pews, which they rent of him.

1718. April 20th. Was with Mrs. Fletcher, Betty, etc., last Tuesday, when they were about parish business, etc. Betty offered her self as house-keeper or waiting maid, etc. Two shirts come from

<sup>190</sup> A tide-waiter is an officer of the customs who watches the landing of goods, to secure the payment of duties. The inference seems to be that Steel was a suspected highwayman.

<sup>191</sup> The pedigree of Forster of Angerton has never been properly worked out. The George Forster named in the text was probably grandson of George Forster who died in 1695, fifty-five years after he was inducted vicar of Bolam ; and son and heir of Henry Forster of Low Angerton, under whose will, dated 4 August, 1717, he took lands at Angerton, Wreighhill and Hobberlaw. In May, 1716, he took out a licence to marry Mary Cutter of Trewick, by whom he had issue. The widow Forster, to whom he was alleged to have behaved unjustly, was probably his father's second wife, Mabel Coull (married at Hartburn, 4 June, 1707), who subsequently married George Potts of West Harle.

<sup>192</sup> Probably Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Charles Howard of Overacres, lord of the regality of Redesdale, by his wife Eleanor, daughter and coheir of Sir Francis Blake, bart., of Coggs and of Twizell in North Durham.

<sup>193</sup> Mr. Edmund Lodge was curate of St. Nicholas', Newcastle, from 1706 until 1715, when he was appointed master of Newcastle Grammar School. He resigned that appointment in 1733, and became curate of Whickham, where he died on the 15th October, 1742, aged 63. Cf. Brand, *Newcastle*, vol. i. p. 96.

Holland. Asked uncle if my sister must go home, he replied yes—and backed it with 'she'll do no great good where e're she go, and she's as thick as long,' etc. He did not find fault with this sermon, tho he did with the last, for not telling what the *things above* were.

1718. April 21st. The reason he found fault often with my sermons, was because I did not consult him—for he says if I had asked him, he would have told me, etc. Workmen came the 19th—they agreed not well whether they or uncle should hire the labourers for this day. Uncle said, he warranted Mr. Rook designed to have him for Wigton school. He could manage him as he pleased,—this was to bring him down to a less bargain, etc.

1718. April 22nd. Sent gloves to be washed and a pair to be changed by Robin—he had a horse of Nan. Barnes' and another of Tom's—would not give two shillings for him, etc. Contrived to gett every one almost that came from Morpeth to bring a little load of hair for the lime, so that it cost him nothing—neither will the laths bringing.

1718. April 23rd. Went to G. Hummell's and visited a man in a hectic feaver, recommended the Bath or Scarborough wells to him, or at least Cornhill<sup>194</sup> in the North—he had a mixture of scurvy too, sharp salts in the blood, which nothing but those waters would wash away. Physick or bleeding carryed away the good as well as the bad. Had cake with butter, very delicious.

1718. April 24th. Secker<sup>195</sup> preached a marriage sermon—some call 'em evils, plague of man, etc.—But we should not play the butcher upon that naked sex who have no arms, but for embraces. Some think any wives good enough, who have but goods enough—But take heed, for sometimes the bag and baggage go together. Marriages are stiled matches—yet amongst those many that are married, how few are there matched. Husbands and wives are like locks and keys, that rather break than open, except the wards be answerable.

1718. April 25th. Went to J. Storey's to dinner, very bad:—wonder uncle will go to such places, but any where to save a dinner—Had wine to make amends, has taken it for a desperate debt, and cannot gett it of. Was at the race, mean diversion. G. Brown said Mr. Dunlap said he had been often tired with men's preaching, but should never with mine, he thought. Mr. Flower complemented me upon the same score.

1718. April 26th. A man ridden over yesterday and almost killed. Mr. Carnaby swore away Mr. Hall's<sup>196</sup> life, and Colonel

<sup>194</sup> A sanative spring between Cornhill-on-Tweed and Learmouth, now almost forgotten, was in high repute in the eighteenth century. Cf. Wallis, *Northumberland*, vol. i. p. 15.

<sup>195</sup> Sermon on 'A Wedding Ring fit for the Finger, or the Salve of Divinity, etc.', 1658, by William Secker. The author died *circa* 1681. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>196</sup> John Hall of Otterburn, was out in the '15, was tried, found guilty of high treason, and was executed at Tyburn on the 13th July, 1716.

Oxborough's<sup>197</sup>—they lodged at his house,<sup>198</sup> when in arms. An outlawry against one Talbot<sup>199</sup> of Hexham,—supposed to be designed against him of Cartington—a bribe made the mistake. Mr. Clennell would not come to Ryle—declines visits, his wife not willing to have returns, etc.

1718. April 27th. Mr. Park booted and spurred for the rebellion, but his wife prevailed with him, etc. Mr. Fletcher has lett the hall to a papist, uncle angry, says he can take that house from him, and has a good mind to do so. Allowed this sermon very good. Workmen would fain be gone, take umbrage at every thing, and make difficulties, where they find none, that they may go, etc.

1718. April 28th. Mr. Cowper, etc., came here after dinner, uncle seemed to take it ill they did not come to dine—they thought he had gott nothing for them, etc., but they were too late they said—waiting for Mr. Simcoe and the other gent. from Morpeth. Uncle lett 'em know they should have come to him about Alnwick living, etc.—And Mr. Mitford was for leaping over the hedge before he came at it, etc.

1718. April 29th. Uncle told 'em yesterday he had freinds in Ireland might have made him a bishop. Sir Robert Staples' lady<sup>201</sup> / neice to my aunt—I think they lived there, she a bishop's daughter. Colonel Gledhall's<sup>202</sup> being in the Fleet a pretence given out by him—

<sup>197</sup> Henry Oxburgh, a cadet of the family of Oxburgh of Bovin, King's County, after serving in the French army returned to England and acquired some property in Lancashire *circa* 1696. He came out in the '15 and accepted from Tom Forster a commission as colonel in the rebel army. He surrendered at Preston, was tried for high treason, and was executed at Tyburn on the 14th May, 1716.

Penrice, writing *circa* 1747, says: 'As to matters of conduct, Mr. Forster, tho' he was call'd general, yet he always submitted to the counsel of Colonel Oxburgh, who was formerly a soldier, and had obtained a great reputation; tho' it is manifest in our case that he either wanted conduct or courage, or perhaps both. He was better at his beads and prayers than at his business as a soldier, and we all thought him fitter for a priest than a field-officer. It must be own'd that he was very devout in his religion, and that is all the good we can say of him; and that devotion he has since had great occasion for in another place.' *A Genuine and Impartial Account of the Remarkable Life and Vicissitudes of Fortune of Charles Ratcliffe, Esq.*, by Gerard Penrice, p. 45. London, 1747.

<sup>198</sup> Mr. Carnaby lived at Tossion near Rothbury.

<sup>199</sup> John Talbot of Cartington, the son of John Talbot who married Christian Charlton, and the grandson of John Talbot who married Christian, daughter and coheir of Sir Edward Widdrington of Cartington, bart. He was taken prisoner, but made his escape from Chester.

<sup>201</sup> Sir Robert Staples of Lissane, co. Tyrone, fourth baronet, married Mary, daughter of Dr. John Vesey, archbishop of Tuam (by his first wife Rebecca Wilson). Cf. *Complete Baronetage*, by G. E. C., vol. ii. p. 251.

<sup>202</sup> 'Colonel Samuel Gledhill, an officer who had served in Flanders,' in 1710 contested Sir James Montagu's seat for Carlisle. Although he recommended himself to the electors by gifts of plate to the Weavers' Company, the

self to prevent some designs of his creditors, but was never there—he says they live on the other side the river—Southwark.

1718. April 30th. Uncle Robert came last night—said we should starve him, he could gett no supper, etc. No publick Act of Parliament for the poor till Queen Elizabeth, 43rd year. King pretended in demolishing the abbies, etc., that he would maintain an army and the poor, which would be a mighty ease to the nation, but all was sunk, in her time, past recovering for such a purpose.

1718. May 1st. Impropiators excused from pontage, hue and cry, carriages, etc., as well as clergy. Procuration-money payed twice here in a year, because the arch-deacon keeps court twice, etc. Uncle says it is an imposition, the design of it for parochial visitations, and not for such as these.

1718. May 2nd. Bishop of London<sup>203</sup> turned out from being Dean of the Chappell for suspending one that, reading the Litany, left out that for the Trinity. Dr. Dolben, sub-dean, went to the man, the dean being away, and asked him if he remembred he missed it, he said yes, he did—did you do it designedly—to which, after some hesitation, he replyed he did.

1718. May 3rd. Dr. Dolben made Prebendary of Durham, reckoned a bold stroke, for he is just turned out from being sub-dean, and the man who left out the Trinity, etc., has succeeded him—this Dr. Dolben reports.

1718. May 4th. Uncle Robert said uncle was so fickle he knew not what to make of him; he was not speaking of any particular person, unless Dolly—uncle Robert says he sent for my sister to stay with him; he was averse to her coming here, when I told him.

1718. May 5th. New pews much liked—Mrs. Robson would needs have the choice of Mr. Clennel—very impatient to have them—uncle says he made them better than ordinary, that the charge might be out of their reach, but Reevely would give 5*l.* for his seat, rather than loose it, and the rest are not less fond of them—or less high-minded.

1718. May 6th. W. Potts<sup>204</sup> of Bickerton shewed uncle the

Glovers' Company, the Butchers' Company and the Shoemakers' Company, he was not elected. Cf. Ferguson, *The M.P.'s of Cumberland*, p. 88.

Samuel Gledhill's relationship, if any, with Colonel John Gledhill, *circa* 1699, governor of Newfoundland, is unknown. The latter was son of Mr. Robert Gledhill, one of Cromwell's lifeguards, who was present at the battle of Marston Moor. Cf. *Diary of Ralph Thoresby*, ed. 1830, vol. i. p. 331.

<sup>203</sup> The bishop of London was Dr. John Robinson. The sub-dean of the Chapel Royal was Dr. John Dolben, prebendary of the sixth stall in Durham Cathedral, afterwards Sir John Dolben, second baronet.

<sup>204</sup> Mark Potts took a conveyance of lands in Warton, 27 Aug., 3[33?] Elizabeth, for which property Henry Potts was rated in 1663, at £10 per annum. The Robert Potts named in the text was buried at Rothbury on the 4th of June, 1718. By Isabella, his wife, he left issue four sons, Henry, John, Edward and William, and one daughter, Eleanor, wife of Thomas Smith, who are all named in his will, and perhaps another son Thomas. The eldest son,

account between him and R. Potts of Warton and his son, and he is satisfied that very near all the money due to uncle is in their hands—but durst not well discover it till uncle urged him by blaming and declaiming against him.'

1718. May 7th. R. Grey has gott the money his wife lent without witness or ought, only the last two guineas—by a *justitias*.<sup>204a</sup> He beats his wife sometimes—and has been surly with her a long time till now.

1718. May 8th. Mr. Graham turned of—Mrs. Fanny Parke tells him she never gave him any encouragement, nor he had none but what her freinds gave him—Hugh Parke supposed. Mr. Graham has lent him some money.

1718. May 9th. A report that Mrs Mitford was married to Mr. Bales—Mrs. Isabel Little said if she had but married a sober man, she would not have cared—he knew (she said) of their going to the last, which was taken out of our parish, contrary to what he affirmed to us—he said they were going to fetch her, she dissuaded him, and wondered he would be seen in such a thing—he was in a passion, etc.

1718. May 10. Uncle sent to Mr. Rooke to lay hold on Colonel Gledhill's agent for his money—the land which he has for security being not worth the money lent—he had plate first, but his wife desired him to take the land and give her the plate.

1718. May 11th. According to the Book of Rates<sup>205</sup> people very unequally sessed—An ancient rent being ten shillings perhaps in Warton and that part of the parish, and may be not ten groats in the Forest. When uncle, etc., talked of altering the Book of Rates and sessing according to the pound, the Foresters said the duke<sup>206</sup> would be angry, etc. He said he cared not—they had an Act of Parliament for it.

1718. May 12th. The rector, by a commission from the arch-deacon, may dispose of the seats in the church as he pleases. The rector and church-wardens only essential to the government of parish affairs.

Henry, had dealings with the property on the 19th December, 1723, and by deed dated 5th November, 1736, conveyed it to Edward Gallon of Alnwick.

Thomas Potts of Warton (perhaps another son of Robert) married Mary, daughter of Edward Widdrington of Colt Park and Portgate, and sister and coheir of Henry Widdrington of those places. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv. p. 213.

<sup>204a</sup> *Justicies* is a writ directed to the sheriff for the despatch of justice in some special cause, of which he cannot by his ordinary power hold plea in his County Court. . . . Kitchin, fol. 74, says, that by this writ of *Justicies* the sheriff may hold plea of a great sum, whereas, of his ordinary authority, he can hold no pleas but of sums under 40s. Cowel's *Interpreter*.

<sup>205</sup> The Book of Rates of 1663 is printed in the Rev. John Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*, cf. Part III. vol. i. p. 243. The Foresters were the inhabitants of the township of Rothbury Forest.

<sup>206</sup> The 'proud' Duke of Somerset, who had married the heiress of the Percies.

1718. May 13th. Esquire Coverley<sup>207</sup> cutt down a seat Sir John Ballantine<sup>208</sup> had made in Broomfield church—asked uncle's advice—he gott him a citation of Chancellour Nicholls, and they made Sir John take it patiently and pay 5*l.* besides.

1718. May 14th. Chancellour Nicholls, I think, built a house of brick, but did not quite finish it—A wagg wrigg on the front—‘This house of brick, Was begun by old Nic’—in such a year—who, being discovered, and asked to explain himself, said that would be time enough when he had finished the house.

1718. May 15th. King Charles II. told bishop Wilkins,<sup>209</sup> upon his inventing a method to sail to the moon, that if he found any crown-lands there, he desired he would seize them for him—and the dutchess of Newcastle<sup>210</sup> saying his invention was very ingenious, but he had not contrived a place to inn at or lodge—he replyed, he left that to her ladyship, who had built castles in the air all her life-time.

1718. May 16th. Aunt Reed called me ‘an idle fellow—following his hussys,’ etc., and said she would tell my uncle when I came to Rothbury—staying something (*sic*) in town, etc., told by N. Fay. Lettice and spinage will be fitt to be cutt in a week—cresses ready now—sown a few turnips.

1718. May 17th. R. Snowdon a little behind with the world, since the building of this house—owes 20*l.* to Tom, borrowed 20*l.* of Christopher Little, out of his wife’s portion. He, and indeed all here abouts, had two bad years last for corn, etc. This Fenwick’s mother fell into the river, riding near it about Thropton haugh, and singing—and was drowned.

1718. May 18th. There used to be a horse-way to Thropton from here straight through the meadows—a man stopt it up and gave them a way by Newtown, almost as we go now; but uncle, considering that in a few years’ time they might pretend that was no high-way till of late, and so take that from them, so he made them sign a writing, which uncle has to this day.

1718. May 19th. H. Park owes uncle money—he says he never expects the principle, he only desires the interest. Jon. Robson owes him money too—yet he disputes paying tythe. Uncle has tythe of Franc. Anderson<sup>211</sup> the first year of improvement. Mrs. Isabel’s

<sup>207</sup> The family of Calverley of Calverley, in Yorkshire, were considerable and-owners in the parish of Broomfield. The diarist’s grandfather, Richard Thomlinson of Blencogo, was a trustee under the will of Walter Calverley, in 1691. Cf. *Yorkshire Diaries*, vol. ii. pp. 46-47. Surt. Soc. Publ. No. 77.

<sup>208</sup> Sir John Balantine, physician, a native of Carrs in Clydesdale, married Anne, daughter and coheir of William Musgrave of Crookdale in the parish of Broomfield, of which estate he purchased the grain tithes (and apparently two seats in Broomfield chancel) from the Calverleys in 1679. Cf. Hutchinson, *Cumberland*, vol. ii. p. 303.

<sup>209</sup> John Wilkins, D.D., bishop of Chester, author of an *Essay towards a real Character and a Philosophical Language*, 1668, and of other curious works.

<sup>210</sup> Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Newcastle.

<sup>211</sup> Francis Anderson of Alnwick, gent., 9 Feb., 1715/6, took a lease for 21 years, from the Duke of Somerset, of a parcel of moor ground in Rothbury Forest, near a place called Gilbourne.

knife broke, cost me 6*d.* mending. She washed me two shirts, four neckcloths, seven bands, etc. Went to Newcastle—Stephen Fletcher fuddled, went down with us, etc.

1718. May 20th. Stephen Fletcher drunk again this day, came to Whickham, drive (*sic*) his horse upon the terrass, hurra'd at dinner, call for brandy, etc., but did not call my aunt jade, bich, whore, as he did aunt Reed and Mrs. Bulmer yesterday—but called her my dear, and they John and Bob. He went to uncle Reed for more brandy and raisins, and drove his horse into the shop. He had been as familiar at Mr. Baker's, leapt over their fore-gate, etc.

1718. May 21st. B. Maddon told me she heard that brother courted N. Fay—I could not believe it, nay, durst be sure it was not so. Aunt Reed has six silver spoons and some table-linnen of uncle John. Monsieur Louire's recantation of what he had said in favour of bishop of Bangor,<sup>212</sup> by his or Pellanere's<sup>213</sup> instigation—signing a paper, the contents of which he did not understand well, because English, etc.

1718. May 22nd. Brother Richard and uncle Reed affronted that uncle John should talk of their breaking, building castles in the air, etc.—they had asked him to view the writings about the mill they have purchased, but would not go with him, but pretended business—least (*sic*), if he went, he should claim the credit of doing all himself. One, Mr. Shepheard, hanged for a design to kill the king—he died like a hero.<sup>214</sup>

1718. May 23rd. Mrs. Baker said she heard I was courting Sir G. Wheler's daughter—very good woman. Uncle John begins to shrink back to Mr. Colingwood's daughter, but uncle Robert teases him with Flanders mare. W. Wood says she huffed by farmer's daughters. Andrew Burton at Baker's—was much with him—he shewed me Shepherd's speech and told me the affair about him.

1718. May 24th. Uncle promised Mr. Mitford<sup>215</sup> that I should exchange with him for a week, and the day was fixed—he repented before night—and said now he thought on it, his horse would not stay alone—so silly his reason.—Uncle Robert spoke to me about telling Mr. Mitford this, as we went by—but I was so angry, that I would not putt uncle John in mind of it, etc.

1718. May 25th. Gave brother a guinea to pay my debts—a crown for cane-head; gloves washing, 10*s.*; and 6*d.* behind for saddle, etc. Mitford a pretty place—castle at it. Brother promised to send me some wine he had. Dined at Robert Snowdon's, the first Sunday

<sup>212</sup> Benjamin Hoadly, D.D. (1676-1761), appointed bishop of Bangor in 1715, and successively bishop of Salisbury and Winchester, whose writings and doctrine gave rise to the so-called Bangorian Controversy.

<sup>213</sup> F. de la Pillonière, a converted Jesuit, was tutor to Bishop Hoadly's sons.

<sup>214</sup> James Shepherd (1697-1718), an ill-balanced youth, a frequenter of Jacobite conventicles, was tried for high treason and hanged, 17 March, 1717/8. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*, sub John Sheppard.

<sup>215</sup> Mr. Michael Mitford, vicar of Edlington.

in his new house. Dr. Kennet<sup>216</sup> went to visit bishop of London, he desired him to stay dinner—the bishop of Carlisle was to come—Kennett declined and made some excuse to be gone, but while they were arguing, the bishop of Carlisle's coach was heard, he went down to wait upon him and left Kennett, and Kennett slipt down another way.

1718. May 26th. One Crow hanged himself in Sir Harry Lyddale's wood—he went by that name, but no body knew whence he came—when a warrant was issued out to apprehend him, and his person described—the next day he went and hanged himself—he was supposed to be the man that beheaded King Charles. All our pease, many of our plants and beans broken by the wind—the pease quite blown away—abominably pestered with snails.

1718. May 27th. Robin and Christopher take no care of their sheep, etc., to keep them out of our closes, when uncle is away. My uncle desired the latter once to take care of his ground—and his beasts were in every night and taken out as soon as ever it was light—says Tom. Uncle called of Mr. Hall to walk a little with him when he went to Robert Potts, as if it was to give him a charge to observe me, and the next day they hasted out of church together—whereas Mr. Hall generally stays till I go out.

1718. May 28th. Robert Potts left fourscore pound a peice to his three youngest sons—and all his sheep at Carlcroft to Thomas upon condition he pay 50l. to Harry—50l. to his daughter, and 10l. to that married to Jes. Hall—and to his wife the thirds of his real estate, 2 cows, 1 horse, and all the goods of the house to her own disposal. Thomas the only man unsatisfied—he says it was not all his father's money they bought the stock with, he borrowed some, etc.

1718. May 29th. This day twelvemonth kept with great solemnity<sup>217</sup> at Cambridge. The day before—King George's birthday not observed. A wag, after two or three O Yes's on the market place gave notice that the rejoicing of that day was to be putt off till to-morrow, etc.

1718. May 30. In a letter from John Robinson, date Dec. 6th, 1716—he says I must not imagine that he was one of the most uncharitable neighbours to that good natured lady (Mrs. Wilson) but probably otherwise. It is an old proverb, but pray putt no bad constructions on it—'That he that lives in or nigh the vineyard must sometimes taste of the grapes.'

1718. May 31st. I remembred Mr. Farrington said he designed

<sup>216</sup> Dr. White Kennett, bishop of Peterborough (1718-1728).

<sup>217</sup> Restoration of the Royal Family. A Form of Prayer with Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for having put an end to the Great Rebellion, by the Restitution of the King and Royal Family, and the Restoration of the Government after many Years interruption: which unspeakable Mercies were wonderfully completed upon the *Twenty-Ninth of May* in the year 1660. And in memory thereof, that Day in every Year is, by Act of Parliament appointed to be for ever kept holy. *Book of Common Prayer.*

to have resigned his fellowship in my favour, if the master had not used him so scurvily by pretending to declare it void, etc., so that he was resolved to keep it till after the election, if he had resigned the next day. Cotesworth<sup>218</sup> abused abominably by serjeant [*a space left here*] in his trial with Lady Clavering last year—expected to be knighted, or some particular mark of favour.

1718. June 1st. Preached on Descent of the Holy Ghost—Mr. Parke and Mr. Dunlap thanked me for it—the latter said it was the best he ever heard in his life. Stephen Fletcher found 120 guineas in an old glove and a purse among some trumpery in his father's closet, so transported that he was perfectly foolish, and childishly carried it about and shewed it to every one.

1718. June 2nd. D. Colingwood at the fair: gave her and Fanny Parke each a girdle for fare, and Mrs. Little, and her sister and M. Snowdon and Har. Potts head-knotts. Mr. Cowper had a very light natural wig for 28 shillings. Sam. Lisle<sup>219</sup> has gott a living in York-shire.

1718. June 3rd. Observe uncle smiles often at my coming in to him, after Mr. Hall and he has had private conference up the bank—and Mr. Hall slyly enquired whether I had been at any place this afternoon, while they were about the pews—suspect he tells stories. That night hee went to Rob. Potts—he called Mr. Hall to walk with him a little, suppose to tell him to have an eye over me, for it was not for want of company—Jessy Hall being along with him.

1718. June 4th. Mrs. Robson makes a great noise about precedence in the church—she would have all the upper seats—will not sitt below Mrs. Hummell—uncle has given her but two above and two below—her husband she says swares he will never come to church again, if he has no more seats.

1718. June 5th. Mr. Thomas Clennell will be shortly in the North, his brother says there is nothing between him and Mrs. B. Potts as reported—Mr. Hall says Ford Grey is marryed to her mother. At R. Potts' funeral yesterday<sup>220</sup>—Hugh Park asked me why I was backward about Dolly Colingwood, or some such words to that purpose—I said I had no commission from uncle, and would [not] engage with any before I had.

1718. June 6th. Esquire Clennel hen-pecked, cannot command the house, says Mr. Dunlap—no more could Alexander Colingwood when his wife was alive. Went to Mr. Bilton's—Mr. Henderson<sup>221</sup> of

<sup>218</sup> See p. 87, *supra*. William Coatsworth was high sheriff of Northumberland in 1719.

<sup>219</sup> See p. 67, *supra*.

<sup>220</sup> 1718. June 4th. Mr. Robert Potts, Warton, buried. *Rotbury Registers*. See p. 118, *supra*.

<sup>221</sup> Robert Henderson, M.A., 'fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge,' vicar of Felton from 1683 until his death, 27 April, 1730, aged 71. His predecessor, John Harrison, was appointed in 1672, and married 15 May, 1676, Mrs. Margaret Swinhoe of Whittle in the parish of Shilbottle.

Felton there, very neat folks in house, etc.—about 80*l.* per annum or more,—he keeps back 10*l.* from Mrs. Harrison, his predecessor's widow, she had a sequestration of the living till another incumbent came—he agreed to give her 10*l.*, but because she insisted upon more and [did not] accept it, he gave her nothing, nor has to this day.

1718. June 7th. Dryden once in a coffee-house finding fault with Heylin's *Cosmography*—his son, being in the coffee-house, took him up—and said there was a great defect in it, he owned—He had left out the world of me—alluding to a play called so, which Dryden had writt. One Mr. Paul being expelled the college for getting a woman with child—fled to London; and being asked what he had done with the woman, etc., said—*Paulus naufragatus excusset viperam.*<sup>222</sup>

1718. June 8th. Lock on Education,<sup>223</sup> very good—and L'Estrange<sup>224</sup> Fables. W. Clennell dined with us—veal spoiled with keeping, as were crabs and pye. Ben Johnson going in a lane, in which a groom was sweeping the dung cross the lane, said—'Thou sturdy groom, take up thy broom, and lett a poet come by.' Answer. 'Thy will be done, great Ben Johnson, her's room for the and I.'

1718. June 9th. Bishop Lesley<sup>225</sup> (the late Mr. Lesley's father) a mysogynist and designed to leave his estate to a nephew—but he displeasing him to the last degree—the bishop went to his dean, etc.—the first daughter said she could love a young man better, as the bishop asked her—but the second being asked, said she could love a young man, but such an old man as his lordship, etc.

1718. June 10th. Read uncle's letter to me at Cambridge.—He says, I could not convince any of my merit, if I declined sitting again, etc., mistaking Mr. Drake—who thô he said I had still a prospect, yet it was not till Mr. Bowtell died or resigned, etc. Admire his perverse temper, yet would not send me a title—if uncle Robert had not then sent me one, I might have been sent back—his title promised me a handsome allowance on condition the bishop of London would ordain me, etc.

1718. June 11th. Writt to John Clark—to drop the dispute about the gown, desired him to buy me some books and to gett money for them, and for the little box (if he was any thing out of pocket about it) of brother Richard when he comes. To Mr. Brigby to lett me know what I owed him, and if Mr. Richardson had given him any money.

1718. June 12th. Namesake writt to me to ask uncle if he would desire bishop of Carlisle to give him a recommendatory letter to bishop of Lincoln. Gott my cane home—it cost 5*s.* in all—Mr. Gare had nothing for his pains. George said he paid 16*d.* for 4 pairs of

<sup>222</sup> Cf. Acts xxviii. 3. <sup>223</sup> John Locke, *Some Thoughts Concerning Education.*

<sup>224</sup> Sir Roger L'Estrange (1616-1704), *The Fables of Aesop and other Eminent Mythologies with some Moral Reflections*, London, 1692.

<sup>225</sup> Henry Leslie (1580-1661) was bishop of Down and Connor and subsequently of Meath. His son Robert Leslie, successively bishop of Dromore, Raphoe and Clogher, died in 1672.

gloves washing—shall enquire—desired my brother to ask him again and pay him.

1718. June 13th. Uncle said he should be afraid to venture me in the family of Colingwoods—this was the day after I had signified my dislike of her to Mr. Hall—fancy he had told him. Dumb man said I was to be married in a very short time—pointed towards Alnwick or near that way—the letters were M. P. as far as I could tell—and to have a hatt full of silver—to write letters to her or she to me—seemed melancholy sometime upon the occasion, but know not what he meant.

1718. June 14th. Shoes sent and will not fitt me—brother had not spoke about them to James. Told mother that Mr. H. tatled I feared, and beware what she said, etc. Father will send me Suttleton's bow. They will send us butter when we want. Lettice above three weeks since—before we had any lamb. Pease in bloom two days since—the second crop. The first that were sown in February have been in bloom but a week.

1718. June 15th. Wind as loud and violent now as it was any time in winter—Writt to namesake, told him bishop of Carlisle was in Ireland, scarce a possible communication between him and us, at least not under eight or ten weeks time or twelve, etc., and then probably the place might be disposed of—Uncle had not a mind to trouble him upon such uncertainty—for the obligation will be as great, if the bishop write, whether it be disposed of or not.

1718. June 16th. Mr. Proctor, etc., dined here yesterday. Veal old kept—so last Sunday, and one of Durham and W. Clennell with us. Brother sent me sparagrass and vine—he says the cane was done before my letter to contradict it arrived—but I like it well.

1718. June 17th. Went to Morpeth. Mr. Farington preached, churching in houses a contradiction in terms. We should, like the compass, keep fixed to one point—truth—and the winds may sometimes turn to us, yet we must never turn to them. ‘But to me it is a small thing to be judged of man's judgement.’

1718. June 18th. Archdeacon asked one—if he had a licence, they called John Brown instead of me, or I should have been examined, why I had not a licence, and yet uncle has taken no care of it. Mrs. Lawson had a very pretty riding habit on. Mrs. Simcoe, now Dowson, had her footman following her in Morpeth.

1718. June 19th. I find it is the best way for a man that has not much merit of his own, to marry into a family that has—what makes Farrington so considerable at Durham (that he should now preach, etc.), but his being the son of Dr. Ellison,<sup>226</sup> prebendary there. Went to Ryle, all abroad—I was glad of it.

<sup>226</sup> Nathaniel Ellison, vicar of Newcastle, and prebendary of Durham, had issue three sons and seven daughters. Three of the latter married clergymen, viz., Jane, baptized 21 April, 1692, wife of Hugh Farrington, rector of Elsdon and lecturer of All Saints, Newcastle; Isabella, wife of Rev. Mr. Robinson; and Anne, wife of William Simcoe, vicar of Woodhorn. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 79.

1718. June 20th. Dined at the hall. When Mrs. Mac—dined here last Sunday, uncle bid her eat, he would not spare it when he came to her—a way of inviting himself, and so perhaps they took it. York likely to be the greatest of all the three—it being the centre of Great Brittain, since the union.

1718. June 21st. Mr. Graham kind with Barty Hedley's wife, has been long suspected. A woman came and staid a night or two he called his sister—people suspect it was his wife, and that he has children. J. Alder<sup>227</sup> of the Peels no estate, worth very little, if his debts were paid—Hugh Park must break sometime—says uncle—No fault to his wife, but she loves rambling, etc.

1718. June 22nd. Graham said—courted B. Haddon—asked who said so—some of the children—replied it was a child, etc. Mr. Hall made a noise as if some truth was in it and if it was known to uncle, etc. They say she and Stephen Fletcher are marryed—Providence sent her home in good time,—her mother dead.

1718. June 23rd. Stephen Fletcher in the country upon a ramble and in his frolics—was in a house where they were very kind to him, preparing some dinner-steaks—he offered some rudeness and she struck him with knife, and cutt his nose and arm.

1718. June 24th. Mr. Colingwood, etc., at church on Sunday, invited us next day—but it proved a windy blustering day and we went not—thank God. Fainted in church—people very inquisitive that day and next, how I was, etc. Uncle told me I might gett Mr. Hall<sup>228</sup> to preach for me, etc., and so relax study a little, in garden sometimes or elsewhere—going to study so soon after meals the occasion, etc.

1718. June 25th. It was this day I was not well—tedious and uneasy day as other two were, etc. S. Lisle sent me my books from Staunton—could not come himself as he intended—had been at Mr. Cowper's seeing K. Lorrain—so said Mr. Cowper, and intended to see me.

1718. June 26th. Went to Alnwick—to Mr. Anderson's; they, I beleive, and others imagined we went to see the daughter, etc. Uncle told Carnaby long since, I remember, when he said they could not hope for me, but his nephew, the merchant, etc.—as much as insinuated that he was mistaken—and then told the expedient (as Mr. Carnaby said—that Mr. Anderson would never marry if I had her) of getting all the money he was worth with her.

1718. June 27th. Went to see B. Grey—they say she is going to be married—and the room prepared, etc. M. Anderson came up to Mr. Brown's, over against our door—Mr. Carnaby thought me not keen, because I did not go to them—told him I would be as forward as any when I had a commission. Mr. Newcome says non-residence is become an insuperable difficulty, and so advises me to take my name out—Some design, I do not like that motion, etc.

<sup>227</sup> Cf. Arch. Ael., 3rd series, vol. v. p. 20.

<sup>228</sup> Mr. William Hall, vicar of Alwinton. (Query, was his wife a daughter of Mr. William Mitford, rector of Elsdon?)

1718. June 28th. Mrs. Forster railed bitterly at Carnaby, wondered my uncle would trust himself with him, etc. She was Mr. Forster's house-keeper<sup>229</sup>—sister to Mr. Anderson's wife. Uncle told a story of Judge Hales marrying his maid—and inviting his children, asking them their opinion—he said it was the Lord's doing, to which they replied it was 'marvellous in our eyes.' This was perhaps levelled at Mrs. Forster, because she had nettled him about Mr. Carnaby.

1718. June 29th. Mr. Hall preached for me—lent him my sermon on Descent of the Holy Ghost to read. Observe uncle always smiles at my first appearance after he and Mr. Hall have had some private conference. Suppose he told him what I said of K., a very pretty woman, etc.

1718. June 30th. Had a day of humili[ation]—1st time of Phys. for Sab. Visiting the woman, etc.,<sup>230</sup> somewhat discontented in afflictions. Uncle would scarce allow me to say Thomas Clennell<sup>231</sup> was an ordinary scholar, when he came to the University—their names Mac Leans—from the Highlands. His grandfather kept an ale-house.

1718. July 1st. This day we were invited to Wooller at the meeting of the clergy, etc. Mr. Hall had writt great part of my sermon, took it from him, and would not lend it again, thô he promised upon his word, not to write it—told him the preface was not entirely *a propo*, and had taken bishop Pearson's<sup>232</sup> arguments with little variation, etc., and would not submitt it to a critical observation, etc.

1718. July 2nd. Went yesterday for cows, too fat. We was offered 40s. peice for 10 together. Disputed whether the charge might not be transferred from the man that stood witness, to another he represented, if he would take it upon him, etc.

1718. July 3rd. Went to Ryle—Pewter black, knifes bads (*sic*). Uncle found fault with Dol. dress. He said uncle Robert designed to hound one, etc., he was for one that would treat him handsomely when he came to see us, as he would do us, etc., and indeed it was more his concern, for he himself would seldom come near us, unless I gott a living in some place, and then he must come to Rothbury.

1718. July 4th. The story of an old man and little lad riding both on a poor horse—he first and then the child lighted, and still men that mett them were not pleased—he drowned it when he gott home. He commends Thomas Clennell wonderfully, and so does Mr. Lawson—uncle thinks neither of them good judges.

<sup>229</sup> Mr. Thomas Forster of Adderston, father of the rebel general, married, thirdly, *circa* 1701, Barbara Laws, but he had no issue by her.

<sup>230</sup> After, etc. 'Fin [or Trin.], etc.' is crossed through. Name of the woman?

<sup>231</sup> Thomas Clennell matriculated at St. John's College, Cambridge, on the 19th June, 1710, and therefore was a fellow student of the Diarist.

<sup>232</sup> John Pearson (1613-1686), bishop of Chester, author of *An Exposition of the Creed*.

1718. July 5th. Have fancied Mr. Park's behaviour somewhat cold of late—and now have found the reason—Mrs. Hummell says he told her husband, and others, I beleive, present, that I had been courting Fr. Anderson's daughter. Remember Mr. Colingwood toasted her—and would not lett me stay in garden, or with Dol., which I wondered at.

1718. July 6th. Some of the Cooks, etc., from Newcastle at church—Mr. Parke took no notice of me—find his friendship very mercenary, that will continue no longer than he had hopes of having me for a relation, etc.

1718. July 7th. Mrs. Salkeld here—fine thing about her left arm—she called Mr. Clennell's wife the scum of our country—Mr. Dykes's such another muckworm—and master of the husband, and Mrs. Clennell is and Mrs. Colingwood was. Uncle will prefer a bill of chancery against James Robson—John Orde to be employed.

1718. July 8th. Uncle mett some men at Bickerton to take in their depositions about Rimpaside<sup>233</sup>—they deposed that for quietness sake they paid half to Elsden and this 24 years ago. G. Hummell had some cattle driven away with the landlord's to pay the rent—they were grazing there, and it will be some difficulty to gett them.

1718. July 9th. Mrs. Hummell told me—that Mr. Parke said upon the news of my coming—my uncle would send for me by the carrier—and so it was but little better—Mrs. Hummell addicted to tattle—which perhaps makes uncle like her. Mr. Anderson here—said he would not prejudice his daughter by marrying, [but he] would be for one near his own age, etc., invited me to Alnwick—seemed to court me for his daughter—uncle said he wished he had Jul. Rook for him.

1718. July 10th. Horace mentions one Nevius, who having spent all his estate but one house, which was in the Forum, at last sold that, but reserved one *columnam* to himself, to stand on to see the gladiators: *Sat 3, Lib. 1.* People think Robert Snowdon will not last long, in 500*l.* or 600*l.* debt they say—nor J. Robson, nor George Brown, nor Hugh Park.

1718. July 11th. Mr. Forster<sup>234</sup> of Etherston been at London to save some of that 600*l.* per annum, which is forfeited by his son, General Forster—he pretended he had setled the thirds of his estate upon his wife, and would recover some of it that way—but Carnaby thinks he never setled any on her, she being but his housekeeper.<sup>235</sup>

1718. July 12th. Uncle found fault with my wig, for being so light, said I should have a darker one. Mr. Forster shott his wife—

<sup>233</sup> The great tract of open country, variously styled Rimside moor or forest and Framlington common, was enclosed and divided in 1855, under an Act of Parliament obtained for the purpose.

<sup>234</sup> For a pedigree of Forster of Adderston see new *History of Northumberland*, vol. i. p. 228.

<sup>235</sup> *Supra*, p. 127.

Uncle Reed's relation, she was his house-keeper.<sup>236</sup> Uncle says he must leave of going to Alexander Colingwood's—they make him drink so. Ed. Ogle disappointed of his wife, etc., thô asked in the church.

1718. July 17th. Went to Stanton—Mr. Fenwick intends for London this winter and for home next summer—She is a pincher,<sup>237</sup> had two sorts of drink for one company, etc. She told uncle it was reported he designed Mr. Colingwood's daughter, etc., and it was a match of his seeking, he said there was nothing in it.

1718. July 18th. Went to bury a corpse for Mr. Cooper,<sup>238</sup> he was at Warkworth—find all neighbouring clergymen have been visiting him, etc., but uncle. John Simcoe at Mr. Capstick's<sup>239</sup> his daughter just come from London, has been a mistress to one Mr. Carr, they say—he has given her 500*l.* and discarded her—she is wanton and impudent.

1718. July 19th. Mr. Ed. Lorrain took K. Lorrain's mantua from mantu-maker and shitt on it—was accused of stealing, and prosecuted to jail by that woman at their instigation—he abused them publickly—he says the mother is a bastard, and lett her prove her marriage, or Kitty will be one too, which she cannot do. He says they cheated Sir Thomas<sup>240</sup> when they kept his house.

1718. July 20th. The hypocondriac disease, a Proteus, imitates all diseases and will cheat a very discerning physician. Uncle took notice of Mr. Colingwood's toasting M. Anderson—he said he was resolved to carry on the jest, and so he toasted B. Potts—what (*sic*) we are not under his belt—he is more obliged to me, than I to him—God be thanked he seems to be quite out of love with Dolly.

1718. July 21st. Uncle Robert's advice of mending the breed told by some to R. Storer, junior—and he wonders I should talk of getting 3,000*l.*, etc. K. Lorrain had 400*l.* left her by Sir Thomas—but some failure in the conveyance, and it is thought she will not gett it. They had sent for an assignment and it was intercepted. Mr. Edward<sup>241</sup> says he knows where it is, but they shall never have it.

<sup>236</sup> Mary, second wife of Thomas Forster of Adderston, shot by accident, was buried at Bambrough on the 9th October, 1697.

<sup>237</sup> See p. 95, *supra*.

<sup>238</sup> Mr Thomas Cooper, vicar of Long Horsley.

1717. Oct. 24. The Rev. Mr. Thomas Cooper, vicar of Long Horsley, and Mrs. Mary Simcoe, Long Horsley, married. *Whalton Registers.*

<sup>239</sup> A Thomas Capstacke was vicar of Newburn 1694-1738.

<sup>240</sup> Sir Thomas Loraine of Kirkharle, first baronet, died on the 10th January, 1717/8, having had issue, as is said, fourteen sons and five daughters, among whom there seems to have been violent dissension. See Rev. John Hodgson, *Northumberland*, Part II. vol. i. p. 247.

<sup>241</sup> Edward Loraine, third son of Sir Thomas Loraine, first baronet.

1718. July 22nd to 27th. Uncle changed his mind of my going to Horseley and has sent for Mr. Mitford—I told him I was afraid Mr. Cowper might expect me and perhaps would not be prepared—he made light of that, as if there was no occasion to give him notice. Mr. Hall told uncle Robert Grey was often fudled, when he said he thought Robert o'-Grey had got a sup, etc., no occasion for telling that, proceeds from his tatling humour, etc. Mother sent three shirts and butter—sister has no money, but will work the gown's price out in doing things for me. Uncle tells he had a cheese from uncle Reed, who has had many better present for him. Bought cod, when salmon cheap. Had no meat last week, but what was bought Friday week—it's a shame to tell the condition, etc.

1718. Aug. 1st. Went to Newcastle—Fireworks at Newcastle<sup>242</sup> from Whitefryar Tower—saw them distinctly at Whickham. Very few or no illuminations at night, unless in houses where some of the general officers were.

1718. Aug. 2nd. The Dutch have taken three islands belonging to us, and killed 600 men—and yet, say some, our king will not dare call them to an account, it is like the business of Aboyne.<sup>243</sup> Baker and Shaftoe<sup>244</sup> told of Mr. Smith to Colonel Lyddale, that he had spoken disrespectfully of their family, and that he valued their business no longer—there was one present who witnessed they were never mentioned all the night.

1718. Aug. 3rd. Eachard's history<sup>245</sup> commended by Dr. Ellison. Uncle says he never heard it commended before—he flags in his Roman History, the two first volumes only good—Dryden corrected his first volume which made it excellent. Collier's History<sup>246</sup> not good—thô he rubs up his witt, and lards his book with sententious and quaint expressions in most pages.

1718. Aug. 4th. Whiston<sup>247</sup> beholden to Simon Ockley<sup>248</sup> for his interpretation of some Syriac words, etc. Dined at John Orde's—had sago—he will give but 2,500l., etc.—the daughter that had been described to me by uncle Robert was not there—agreed to come to Whickham.

<sup>242</sup> The rejoicings may have been on account of the 'Quadruple Alliance' which was completed at London on the 22nd July, 1718, and guaranteed the succession of the reigning families of Great Britain and of France. Cf. Haydn's *Dictionary of Dates*, sub Quadruple Alliance.

<sup>243</sup> Amboyna in the Moluccas, where the Dutch massacred the English in 1623.

<sup>244</sup> Probably George Baker of Crook and Elemore Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 358. Shaftoe was probably one of the Shaftos of Whickham. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 246.

<sup>245</sup> John Eachard, D.D. His *Works* were published at London in 1714.

<sup>246</sup> Jeremy Collier. *Ecclesiastical History of Great Britain*, 1708.

<sup>247</sup> William Whiston (1667-1752) author of *Short View of the Chronology of the Old Testament*, etc., etc.

<sup>248</sup> Simon Ockley, author of *The Conquest of Syria, Persia and Egypt by the Saracens*, etc., etc.

1718. Aug. 5th. A stormy, rainy morning and they did not come—uncle John disgusted—he might have come alone, he said. Uncle told 'em yesterday, I had spent them 500*l.*—but I was not extravagant, and he repented not, etc.

1718. Aug. 6th. Toby West<sup>249</sup> told the duke—whose chaplain he had been, the first visit after he had gott the living, when he asked him how he liked the parish, etc., he replyed, 'not well,—they neither loved one another, nor did God love them'—i.e., they had no weddings, nor burials—if they loved one another, they would marry, and if God loved them, he would take them to himself, etc.

1718. Aug. 7th. Writt to Mr. Newcome to take out my name—to pay Mr. Richardson 12*s.*, and my brother would call at Cambridge and pay him all my bill, etc. A clergyman in Rutlandshire took burial fees of all male children that were christened, and being called to an account at their complaint by the bishop—he told him only males—and they went all to Tyburn and he never saw them more.

1718. Aug. 8th. Shaftoe kicked Chilton and would needs cane him, for saying a Jacobite might be an honest man, and charged him with saying King George was a rogue—thô he had been very civil to him, invited him to his house, etc. Lock hastened the death of Stillingfleet,<sup>250</sup> a way of thinking or subject he was not used to, but been victorious in all disputes before.

1718. Aug. 9th. Chemnitius<sup>251</sup> in *Concil. Tridentinum*—an excellent peice against Popery—as well for argument and antiquity—not short of our modern peices. Mr. Lawson preached at St. Nicholas,<sup>252</sup> touched on Bangor—his text, 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do,' etc.

1718. Aug. 10th. Jos. Ion told the manner of our living at Rothbury by Mr. Bland, milk at morning and milk at night and whey for small beer, etc.—Jos. rails at Jonathan—'we could scarce pass examination, I'm sure I could scarce,' saye he, and Henry could not construe a peice of Lattin, nor may be yet cannot.

1718. Aug. 11th. Sir William Lorrain<sup>253</sup> a curious man in

<sup>249</sup> Lewis West, son of the Rev. Toby West of Grinton, Yorkshire, was admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge, on the 1st June, 1705.

<sup>250</sup> Edward Stillingfleet, D.D., bishop of Worcester, author of *Origines Sacrae*, 1663; *Origines Britannicae*, 1685, etc.

<sup>251</sup> Martinus Chemnitius, author of an *Examination of the Counsell of Trent*, etc., published in London in 1582.

<sup>252</sup> Wilfrid Lawson was instituted to the vicarage of Warkworth on the 8th April, 1717, and it is on the authority of an entry in the Preachers Book at St. Nicholas' that it is known that he had been ordained by Richard (Tenison), bishop of Meath (1697-1705) and had ministered in Ireland (apparently at Galtrim, co. Louth) before coming into the diocese of Durham.

<sup>253</sup> Sir William Lorraine of Kirkharle, second baronet (1658-1743), devoted himself very largely to the improvement and management of his estate. It is stated that he planted thereon 24,000 forest trees, 580 fruit trees and 488,000 quicks. He was the first employer of 'Capability' Brown, the celebrated landscape gardener.

gardening and planting. Jos. calls Charles Richardson a niggardly fellow. Went to Newcastle—contrived to have an interview with B. Grey—argued the matter with her very strenuously about consent of freinds, etc. She said she had discouraged it, etc.

1718. Aug. 12th. A very rainy day—the streets of Newcastle like a river when he went to John Orde's—vexed I did not leave servants something. John Simcoe preached the same sermon at Whickham that his father preached at St. Nicholas for uncle Robert.

1718. Aug. 13th. William Wood like a mad man, would not speak, resolved he would never eat more, etc. Brother prevailed with Betty to come down, and, seeing him in that condition, com-  
plied in all, if he could gett her friends consent—uncle Reed will not advance above 30*l.* per annum,—brother makes it 50—and I am to answer half of it.

1718. Aug. 14th. A man calling at a country ale-house next to the church-yard viewed the tombs, and found none but women buried there, and asking the landlady the reason, she said the went (*sic*) were all buried at Wooller, *i.e.*, they were all hanged, etc.

1718. Aug. 15th. *Unum, sepe duo, ad summum tria pocula sumes*, rendered by a wag, *sumes*, you shall take, *sepe*, often, *unum*, one cup; *duo*, two; *tria pocula ad summum*, and three brimmers. Sent for Simon Ockley's<sup>254</sup> History of the Saracens. Uncle Robert has 1st volume and desired this of me.

1718. Aug. 16th. Writt to cousin Grainger, senior, to conceal the, etc., and gave him a note for three guineas, and hoped to be in a capacity of paying him—to Charles to pay Susan to acquaint me of Bowtell's fellowship<sup>255</sup> and continue my name, to take box and demand my ring, and give it brother, etc.

1718. Aug. 17th. Told Sam in Charles' letter—he came to insult or triumph and not to renew the engagement. Displayed his colours and walked of with an air of contempt, as thinking her too mean a conquest. Passed a few minutes in Stanton garden<sup>256</sup> very agreeably in thinking what pleasant scenes had been acted of love and gallantry. Thanked Sam. for bringing my books. Rejoyce to wait on Mr. Fenwick at home.

1718. Aug. 18th. Writt to young Tom—‘your physician gives advice, which I think he would not be willing to take, when he recommends exercise to milk and water joyned. That's like his poetry, not very good, in my opinion. You say you are mine to the antipodes—I think I shall never have any business or occasion for your service there, and so a less humble compliment would serve my turn. As for my self perhaps I am neither yours nor my own.’

<sup>254</sup> Simon Ockley, *The Conquest of Syria, Persia and Egypt by the Saracens*.

<sup>255</sup> Probably Mr. Charles Bowtell, of St. John's College, Cambridge, who was presented by his college to the vicarage of Ospringe in Kent on the 29th September, 1714; he died in 1718. *Admissions to St. John's College, Cambridge*, ed. Mayor, vol. i. part 2, p. lxxiii.

<sup>256</sup> The gardens of Stanton hall still retain some traces of the skill in gardening of the seventeenth century owners of the property.

1718. Aug. 19th. Mr. John Ellison<sup>257</sup> at Cambridge to take his master's degree—could not gett it, wanted standing. Dr. Bentley<sup>258</sup> denys the authority of St. Ignatius's Epistles. Dr. Waring preached against it in his *Clerum* afterwards. Designs to lecture on the Anti-Nicene Fathers. Dr. Law came here—uncle asked him to sup, etc., he said he could not eat, and so uncle pressed no longer—a very pleasant man. Told a story of a [*a space left*] in Edinburgh College—'The day is nebulous, the way paludious, I'm unocreate, my horse uncalceate, and very unfitt for equitation.'

1718. Aug. 20th. Parker,<sup>259</sup> near Alnwick, a great classick—Mr. Banks<sup>260</sup> would not have so grossly mistaken in making the two first syllable of [*a space left*] short, in his *Index Prosodicus*, if he had been more conversant with Hesiod. Uncle writh that his brother Robin had a mind he should ask bishop of London for a scarf,<sup>261</sup> etc.

1718. Aug. 21st. Uncle sent for to Newcastle yesterday—I went to Low Trewit—Mrs. Talbot a pretty, sensible, pleasant woman—I talked like a cavalier. Called on Mr. Park—he says Mr. Colingwood a violent whig, rather see his son buried than have him a tory—Mr. Hall inclined to pre(s)bytery, acquainted with Bell and them all—he may not talk so, but he'll never be zealous for episcopacy, and endeavour to make converts.

1718. Aug. 22nd. Mr. Brown<sup>262</sup> came last night but one. Mother sent me a crown. Tom. Wilson sunk his estate. John Sanderson moved his hay by cartfulls and carried it of, to prevent tything, etc. He lett Dr. John pay the fine or compound and for the surrender of the Folly, and yet would not give him possession, pretended only half, it being once divided and two families living in it—when there was 100 wittnesses, that he showed all, stable and garden, before the cryer proceeded to call by auction—had seven score and one pound—it gives 5*l.* per annum.

1718. Aug. 23rd. Puzzled with *male natu exponere fetum* in Buchanan, could not readily explain it. Scotch pronunciation of Lattin, best—they only understood abroad, agree with the French,

<sup>257</sup> John Ellison, eldest son of Nathaniel Ellison, vicar of Newcastle, was born 27 Dec., 1694, sometime lecturer of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, vicar of Bedlington from 1719 to his death in 1774.

<sup>258</sup> For a biography of the learned and famous Dr. Richard Bentley (1662-1742), master of Trinity College, Cambridge, see *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>259</sup> Mr. Richard Parker of Merton College, Oxford, vicar of Embleton, 1713-1728. He is said to have been a friend of Steele, the editor of the *Spectator*, to which publication he himself contributed, No. 474. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 71.

<sup>260</sup> The Rev. Mr. Banks was master of Appleby school, where the Diarist was educated. He was a man of learning. Cf. *Diary of Ralph Thoresby*, ed. 1830, vol. i. p. 276.

<sup>261</sup> That is, that he should be made a bishop's chaplain.

<sup>262</sup> Mr. John Brown, vicar of Wigton, had previously been curate at Rothbury to Mr. John Thomlinson.

Italians and Spaniards—French language a mixture of the Frank and Lattin. Italian, of Lattin and Lombard—and Spanish, of Lattin and Goths and Moors. They read Greek better Mr. Brown says—three accent(s), acute, grave and circumflex, we do not observe any distinction in these, but produce all accents, therefore it is a dead language, the use of accents not known.<sup>262a</sup>

1718. Aug. 24th. Uncle asked me if that sermon was Bob's, etc., upon the wisdom and bounty of God in Creation. Uncle of Whickham opened the chappell of Winlington,<sup>263</sup> preached in it at Jonathan —'s request before the bishop knew it; Dr. Ellison would not, Dr. Smith hesitated but sent to the bishop. But it was necessary they should preach before the bishop's answer could be gott—for they would have a meeting-teacher next Sunday in town, and the sacrament at which time they would tie by oaths and covenants, and by that means they would lose perhaps near 200 souls, etc. But when the bishop was known to approve it, thô it was not a consecrated place, Dr. Ellison, etc., was ready to do any thing, but Jonathan would have my uncle to open the chappel, after it was finished.

1718. Aug. 25th. Mr. Jefferson infamous. Such a story of him in Cockermouth as at Holm—attempting to ly with a man's wife, as with Anthony Watson's—he threatened to sue him for damages—he compounded for 80l., payed 30l. down, and gave his note for the 50l., signed with two witnesses, delivered and all formalities—and pretending to cutt it from the other half sheet—he went to the window and cutt it, and gave them the other half sheet, upon which was a note between John a Nokes and I know not what, etc., wrapt it up, and gave it to the man, and he putt it in his pocket.

1718. Aug. 26th. J. Nicholson<sup>264</sup> and Curry talking of suing my father for some tythes—of the Lyers—uncle says he will be upon him for non-residence, either make him quitt the living, or reside. Curry impertinent,—so saucy to Mr. Brisco about his executing the office of a justice that he said he thought, if he executed his office as he ought, he should tye such saucy fellows as he to good behaviour.

1718. Aug. 27th. Dr. Forbes—two of 'em, both learned men in Scotland. So Mackenzie, Burnet<sup>265</sup> and Buchanan.<sup>266</sup> Dr. Stilling-

<sup>262a</sup> Six lines are here omitted, in which the Diarist notes the use of accents in certain Greek words.

<sup>263</sup> The chapel at Winlaton, in the parish of Ryton, was built in 1705, through the instrumentality of Mr. Jonathan Story, for the use of the numerous workmen employed at Crowley's iron works at that place. What Dr. Nathaniel Ellison, vicar of Newcastle, or Dr. John Smith, rector of Bishop Wearmouth, had to do with the matter does not appear; the latter had been rector of Gateshead before being collated to Bishop Wearmouth.

<sup>264</sup> Jeremiah Nicholson was vicar of Bromfield, in which parish Blencogo is situated, from 1717 to 1733.

<sup>265</sup> Dr. Gilbert Burnet (1643-1715), bishop of Salisbury.

<sup>266</sup> George Buchanan (1506-1582), tutor of James I.

fleet<sup>267</sup> the learnedst man perhaps in the world—Grotius one of the greatest, uncle sett bishop Usher against him. Dr. Blackhall<sup>268</sup> on the *Beatitudes*, published by archbishop of York—no fault, etc., applies himself altogether to reason, and never scarce to the passions in them. Tillotson<sup>269</sup> posthumous works short of the other—but they show how he ordinarily entertained his audience, never gave them trash. Mr. Lawson loves a little argumentation amongst pleasant stories.

1718. Aug. 28th. Clergy in Cumberland near as vicious. Mr. Gregory as bad as Mr. Nicholson here, Jefferson lewd, Whittingdale lewd and drunken. Nevison keeps much company, but is never drunk. Lowther of Bownas—his living sequestred, went into Ireland and changed it for one there, when the man came he could neither gett the living nor so much as one penny rent—he had resigned his in Ireland to Lowther, who gott institution and induction—and had kept it, if they had not luckily hitt on that law, which forbids any man having preferment in Ireland, that has in England—till he has actually resigned it—however, the bishop disposed otherwise of that, and gave this man a less.

1718. Aug. 29th. Stanwix<sup>270</sup> not loved in Carlisle—he was so imperious in time of Rebellion—he sent for Hutchinson, who, not coming, he went to his house and struck him with his cane,—Hutchinson gott in of him and broke his nose, etc., other officers coming, he slipt in and shutt the door upon them. Coroner's inquest, satt upon a man, who fell of his horse drunk, and lived 26 hours after, but did not speak—the horse, too, was forfeited.

1718. Aug. 30. Lowther gott a gent. crossing the water at Bownas in time of Rebellion (after the constables had taken him to carry to Carlisle) to leave his money with him (about 20 guineas) and he would return it upon demand, the mob at Carlisle might take it from him, etc. Mrs. Ballantine has an eye upon one of Mr. Brisco's daughters for her son—Brougham gott one of Mr. Brisco's sisters with child.

1718. Aug. 31st. Cousin Watson suspected of criminal correspondence with W. Grainger. Her husband at the time of the Rebellion—asked Mr. Brisco what king he meant, when the(y) drunk the king's health to him, he broke his head with cane, etc. An ox in Scotland weighed 106 stone, the 4 quarters. Fergus Storey<sup>271</sup> tells of a piper coming late from Alnwick on a fair and

<sup>267</sup> Edward Stillingfleet (1635-1699), bishop of Worcester.

<sup>268</sup> Dr. Offspring Blackall or Blackhall (1654-1716), bishop of Exeter.

<sup>269</sup> Dr. John Tillotson (1630-1694), archbishop of Canterbury.

<sup>270</sup> Brigadier Thomas Stanwix, colonel 12th foot, represented the city of Carlisle in the parliaments from 1702 to 1721. He was successively governor of Carlisle and of Kingston-on-Hull, and died 1725. Cf. Ferguson, *The M.P.'s of Cumberland*, pp. 437-438.

<sup>271</sup> Mr. Fergus Storey (died July, 1727) was himself a great piper and is said to have gone to London to pipe before Queen Anne. The cave was probably

missed his way, took into a cave near him—he went into a corner, and a company of beggars came, and drunk stoutly,—one said how merry they could be if they had a piper—he tuned up and away they went. Mr. Hall's sister of Moncrage mistress to Ch. Howard<sup>272</sup>—affects to be called Mrs. Howard.

1718. Sept. 1st. W. Miller in Edinburgh—some sparks that had been drinking in his house and saw a few fine hams—lett one down the chimney, he had half a dozen to his belt, and some about his shoulders—the rope broke, and he fell down—the noise waked the Quaker—called his maid—she lighted a candle, and, seeing him grinning in the armed chair, cried the devil, the devil, the devil!—he came down, lett the candle drop, at last asked him ' whence art thou ' ? etc.—he said ' Moloch, Ambassadour from the high, and mighty Prince Beelzebub of Ban Molonium, come to make thee a present of those hams, knowing very well that (thou) lovest swine's flesh,'—he adjured him to be gone in the name of the Trinity, and opened him the door and so he walked of.

1718. Sept. 2nd. Writt by brother for John Clark to enquire of Askew. W. Wood wrigg about the school here and uncle Richard's children teaching—to keep the dispose of 'em both for 10 days—and yet his taking either depends upon the issue of what we talked of B. Grey. Mountebank and his fool, who was a black, going late home in Yorkshire—missed their way, and light of a barn—found a kettle, etc., 4 or 5 men came, and one spread a cloak and told their money and divided it,—one said this is my share, another, this is mine,—the black lept down and said, but which is mine, gentlemen, etc. !

1718. Sept. 3rd. Uncle says of Mr. Wotton's<sup>273</sup> book, as of the City Mindos—the gates are so large, that the town may fly out at them—the preface being as large as the book. Dr. Colin<sup>274</sup> in bishop Andrew's time, when punning was in fashion—being Margaret Professor in Cambridge, moderated—one Drake responded and Love opposed—one said *Vir colendissime* to Colins—*Amantissime* to Love, and *nequaquam* to Mr. Drake.

the Cateran's Hole, a cave between Mr. Storey's property at Harehope and Bewick. For a pedigree of Storey see new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 185.

<sup>272</sup> Charles Francis Howard of Overacres, lord of the regality of Redesdale, was son of Charles Howard and of Eleanor, his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Francis Blake of Twizell in North Durham, bart. He was baptised at Ford on the 8th December, 1696, and was buried at Elsdon on the 22nd February, 1735/6. By Elizabeth, daughter of William Hall of Monkridge, he had issue a son Charles, baptiz'd at Elsdon on the 20th May, 1718, and other children. Mr. Howard, by will dated 1 Nov., 1735, pr. at York 20 May, 1737, gave the manor of Redesdale, the advowson of Elsdon and his lands there, to Frances Norton, spinster, daughter of John Norton of Carlton, Yorkshire. The legitimacy of his children is doubtful.

<sup>273</sup> William Wotton, D.D., author of several learned works.

<sup>274</sup> The Dr. Colin mentioned in the text may perhaps be identified with Samuel Collins, D.D. (1576-1651), provost of King's College, Cambridge, who in 1617 was appointed regius professor of divinity at Cambridge.

1718. Sept. 4th. Went to Mr. Cowper's. Company there very often says one of the servants. Dr. Bentley much respected abroad, they know only his learning—but we are prejudiced by his falling out with his wife and such trivial domestic occurrences—very remarkable his moderating at Dr. Waring's act. One Lord Willoughby is a divine.<sup>275</sup>

1718. Sept. 5th. Warwick town and church burnt not long since—very fine now—exceeds Northampton. Sedgwick,<sup>276</sup> Stanhope, and Houghton-in-the-Spring, best livings in Durham. Mr. Howtson neither carefull nor kind to his wife. Mrs. Simcoe—will not lett out the child's money in his own name, etc. He had two suits when he came, but not paid for—and no linnen—gott her money to pay for 'em. Brags his place in Carlisle was worth 200*l.* per annum—Brig. Stanwix<sup>277</sup> turned him out because he had seized some wine of his; he waited three or four days to shoot him or stab him.

1718. Sept. 6th. Mr. Cowper and Turner came to us—he is a great critick in architecture, etc.; said this house was all blunder and conundrum. Brother is to gett virginals for a guinea. He came over to Rothbury about G. Storer—a guinea lost, and only he handled it.

1718. Sept. 7th. Says that all's well enough so far with my mistress, if I act my part well for the future. W. Wood is for the school—proposes to go into orders, and to have 20*l.* per annum of me, etc. Or go to uncle of Navestock, if his love-affair succeed not, that he may retire from the world, etc.

1718. Sept. 8th. Went to Harbottle Fair<sup>278</sup>—dined at Mr. Bell's—Mr. Clennell sent for me to Mr. Alder's,<sup>279</sup> etc. Uncle left me, and, because I staid a little of Mr. Park, and was an hour or more after him, he would scarce speak all next day.

1718. Sept. 9th. Mr. Clennell says he'll wash his hands of Mr. Hall,<sup>280</sup> will have nothing to do with him, nor contribute, etc.; he's too great with Mr. Bell<sup>281</sup>—and so says Mr. Alder—uncle in effect called Bell brother—saying to him such as you and I should not go to fairs, it gives offence, too secular, etc.

1718. Sept. 10th. Mr. Park told me that Mr. Lawson was enquiring if it would be a match between Dolly and me—he swore by his Maker, if it was, 'since he has a good character, I'll make him a bishop.' I told him it was a very material point to have one could

<sup>275</sup> *Query*, Hugh, fifteenth Baron Willoughby of Parham. Cf. Burke's *Extinct Peerage*, 3rd ed. p. 577.

<sup>276</sup> *Query*, Sedgefield.

<sup>277</sup> See p. 135, *supra*.

<sup>278</sup> 'Harbottle fair was, in days gone by, the great event of the year in that upland district.' Dixon, *Upper Coquetdale*, pp. 195-196.

<sup>279</sup> For mention of Mr. Thomas Alder of Harbottle Peels, see *Arch. Ael.*, 3rd ser. vol. v. p. 20.

<sup>280</sup> Mr. William Hall, vicar of Alwinton, from 1719 to 1744.

<sup>281</sup> Mr. James Bell, minister of the nonconformist church at Harbottle, was buried at Alwinton, on the 1st May, 1736.

gett me a living, was weary of this—would propose it to uncle Robert when we came there.

1718. Sept. 11th. Should have gone to Clennell this day, but misty or misling rain and he would not. I only was invited, he invited himself, and yet he could not lett me go—these things provoking. Mr. Percival Clennell<sup>282</sup> good humoured and kind to me.

1718. Sept. 12th. The story of a decayed gent. educating his son at the university of Padua in Italy—he improved well, but they were so mercenary, that they would not give him his degree for want of money—his father provoked, borrowed money, went and pretended a nobleman was come to town in haste—after preferment and wanted a degree—to go by the name of Dr. Martin—gave a purse of gold—putt in an ass next day into schools with the diploma, and the habit of a doctor, etc.

1718. Sept. 13th. Dean Montague<sup>283</sup> a harmless man—if he has meat and cloths and ease, he concerns himself little more with the affairs of the world. He has a neice, a handsome woman, too, drunk too plentifully at a christning, beshitt and spued—kissed captain—he conveyed her into the dean's coach and home.

1718. Sept. 14th. The bishop of Durham's lady once payng a visit to the new mayor—while her coach stood at the door, some putt a ball of hair full of lice into the seat—they run up her back and to her neck, forced to strip—the bishop would give 40l. to know the person—they suspected Alderman [blank], but he denied it.

1718. Sept. 15th. Went to Newcastle—W. Wood came to ask uncle's advice and the school, but was not received with so much encouragement as he expected, and so said not much of it to him, but resolved to continue with my brother. Letter came to him from Alnwick, enclosed in one to me, and a particular messenger—Jane imagined it was upon my business with M. Anderson,<sup>284</sup> and so would others, etc.

1718. Sept. 16th. John Ord runs back with uncle Robert, will not lett him have part of the purchase as he had it—thô it was purely upon his motion that he bought it—says it is for his son Ralph. Uncle says it is because he wanted money to advance, for Mr. Ord all along intended him it, and talked of his friend Robert in the purchase—till of late uncle not being able to raise money, and not proposing the matter—John has thought of disposing it otherwise.

1718. Sept. 17th. They resolved we should return and not so much as pay a visit—to shew resentments. Uncle Robert telling this

<sup>282</sup> Mr. Percival Clennel was a barrister practising in Newcastle; he died, unmarried, on the 23rd June, 1743.

<sup>283</sup> The Hon. John Montagu, D.D., son of the earl of Sandwich, was master of Trinity, Cambridge, and dean of Durham from 1699 until his death 23 Feb., 1727, aged 73.

<sup>284</sup> 1698/9. Jan. 2nd. Mary, daughter of Francis Anderson of Clayport, baptized. *Alnwick Registers*.

to Mr. Reed, he babbled it out to uncle John, and represented the matter in the worst colours, and has almost sett uncle against John Ord entirely, etc.

1718. Sept. 18th. Report in Newcastle (which has also reached Durham) that Mr. Farington has gott a child and sent the woman to be delivered at Elsden—the original of the story traced to a court at Whickham where Cotesworth, Shafto and Baker were—there it was first broached as some think. Came home this day—regaled with mutton under a hedge, etc.

1718. Sept. 19th. Dr. Laws daughter married to Sir John Halliburton.<sup>285</sup> They say he shitt on her lap, the first night—cannot hold and oft does so—some suppose it a story of some envious women at her happiness, etc. Metcalf discarded and hooted out of town—for some criminal correspondence, or, however, some attempt that way upon a woman in Morpeth.

1718. Sept. 20th. Uncle says Wood is a dead weight upon them, so think uncle and aunt Reed—they could have one for 5s. per week that understands the business better and he'll expect above 20*l.* per annum—and they know not how much brother gives them—Proposes that he should go to Edinburg for 9 months, and next year, at farthest, he may gett his degree, and then he thinks to take him of their hands he must give him the school, etc.

1718. Sept. 21st. Uncle says bishop of Carlisle will scarce ordain him without a degree, especially from this diocese, nor can he recommend a man heartily to preferment who has not taken a degree, when so many that have spent money there are to be laid aside for him—he says Barnes is a better scholar. He came to advise with me, etc., and yet ne'er spoke of it; 'what, does he think I'm so fond of him, that I would putt it upon him,' says uncle.

1718. Sept. 22nd. Uncle imputed my mare's being worse to my coming in the evening from Harbottle, etc. Mr. Gammel's son light here. Uncle did not invite him to dinner—he railed most bitterly; I gave him a pint of wine—he gott drunk. Mr. Howard's mistress<sup>286</sup> laid out 5*l.* in lace and bables—rid behind him, his arm about her all the dinner—she affects to be called Mrs. Howard. Spent 4*s.* in pears for farings, gave to all I knew. Michael Wilkin gave me bottle of wine. Quarrels at night about sweethearts, etc. James Young wriggled me my gamut, etc.

<sup>285</sup> 1716. December 13th. Sir John Alleyburton and Mrs. Elizabeth Lawe, married by licence. *Whickham Registers.*

1729/30. Feb. 12. Sir John Hallyburton, knight, of North Britain, buried. *Register of St. Mary le Bow, Durham.*

1768. Jan. Died the 'relict of Sir John Halliburton, bart.' *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1768, p. 94. 1768. Jan. 26. Lady Hallyburton buried. *Reg. of St. Mary le Bow.*

James Halyburton of Pitcur, in Forfarshire, was created a baronet on the 10th January, 1628, but the dignity is said to have become extinct on the death of the grantee. The style seems to have been assumed by James Hallyburton of Pitcur, M.P. for Forfarshire, 1702-1708. Cf. G. E. C., *Complete Baronetage*, vol. ii. p. 337.

<sup>286</sup> See p. 136, *supra*.

1718. Sept. 23rd. Mr. Park said for shame we should dine at Mr. Hall's—he was credibly informed, he wanted sometimes as much as those that went from door to door, etc. Writt to uncle of London to second Mr. Gill in order to make bishop of London his friend for St. Leonard's hospital; made an apology—desired he might never the less follow his own choice—told him I feared he must not expect great success from project in this place.

1718. Sept. 24th. Writt to brother for virginals, about Thomlinson's letters of York and about Tibby—the prescription for carrying of, etc., and told them the symptoms, but advised that uncle might not know—would be affronted that I should meddle when he gave her over.

1718. Sept. 25th. A letter from Barnes<sup>287</sup> from Stoke in Suffolk complains of our correspondence being interrupted, and desires to renew it,—has but 30*l.*, and weight of business and dear living, requests I would intercede with uncles for him—says it is in either of their power to prefer him in the North, where he would be.

1718. Sept. 26th. Cold frosty nights, putt on cassock, etc. A. Barnes went to family, paid them 12*s.* and 6*d.*—they would not take satisfaction for box, thô it was broke all in peices—they are provoked, clamours loud and bitter, talk of other kindnesses, turnovers, etc., but will not take satisfaction, and scorn to correspond any way, etc.

1718. Sept. 27th. Letter from Charles Rich[ardson].<sup>288</sup> The reason he delayed writing, was because he had no mind to undertake that affair with the family. Gave Barnes 12*s.* 6*d.*, which he will take of Mr. Newcome at his leisure. He thinks, and so all friends, it is not worth my while to keep my name in. He has my ring. S. Lisle did not insult K. Lorrain, he says, etc.

1718. Sept. 28th. Letter from Brig., received both mine—none lost that past between me in (*sic*) him, etc. G. (he says) swears all is safe and well, and to disperse that rambling company the only thing is—, ordered him to write so, the party may depend upon it. Reed, the postmaster, is gone mad, he hopes they'll all go mad in time. Charles speaks nothing of money for sword.

1718. Sept. 29th. Proposing subscriptions for news,—I writt a paper on that view, etc. Invited all four to R. Snow[don], took great notice of Mrs. L— black ribband. Gave I. Young 2*s.* 6*d.* for gamut and instructions. Tegue is in Bennet-College, well clothed and honest, but wants to be with me. Awbrey of Jesus College hanged himself, and hung a week ere he was found—he is senior fellow.

<sup>287</sup> Probably Adam Barnes, son of Adam Barnes, schoolmaster, of Dockwray in Cumberland, admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge, 26 April, 1710.

<sup>288</sup> Probably Charles Richardson, son of Christopher Richardson of Gray-southen near Cockermouth; admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge, 6 July, 1709.

1718. Sept. 30th. Mrs. Little<sup>289</sup> fell of her horse, light upon her ear, blood gushed out, bled inwardly, and made her ruttle, never spoke again, died in half an hour—child left in her. I was very much affected—when I was told she would die, went home and prayed, etc. She was going to her mother, she had promised her some babe's cloths, etc. Spurs made the horse kick, etc.

1718. Oct. 1st. Christopher L[ittle] very impatient, said Job's affliction could not well be greater—being told God might have sent greater afflictions, he said hardly. This night the cat gott to the corps, eat of part of nose, and cheek, some say. The thing took air and is now in everybody's mouth. I believe Christopher knows nothing of it.

1718. Oct. 2nd. Remarkable on the 30th of last month, the lesson was that for the dead. People would think I made choice of it, perhaps, etc. Christopher and wife had rid on the horse and carryed 'em quietly, she liked him and would venture bare back sometimes, etc. He was her brother Robert's horse, she persuaded Christopher to make a change between them.

1718. Oct. 3rd. Gott scarf and gloves and hat-band and was a bearer. Mrs. Mitford said, 'what! both scarves!'—'yes,' says R. Snowdon, 'we'll serve best first.' Near 300 people there. Mr. Hall neglected, had nothing given him—ill taken—especially the wife muttered and clamoured—she said the Park's were saying it was the first gentlewoman ere was in the family, and they hoped would be the last—alluding chiefly, I suppose, to Est. Snowdon, etc., and his relations, who they say did not like her.

1718. Oct. 4th. Mrs. Hall said her husband should not take any thing if they offered—I urged it was mistake or oversight, perhaps, or want, and unreasonable to expect her relations should want, etc. Writt to Christopher to give him gloves and he should have mine, and hat-band if he could gett one—he sent him scarf and gave him 18d. to buy gloves, and now her pride is gratified. I told her his relations might not like her, because they would not command Christopher's house as formerly—she condescended very much, and was kind to them as to her own relations.

1718. Oct. 5th. He thanked me for advice about Mr. Hall. Preached on Luke xiii., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and proved that calamities happen alike to all, good and sinners, etc. Small panegyrick on her, constant communicant, etc., repressed censures and gave the afflicted some advice, etc. Christopher thanked me and begged to read it, Mr. Hall desired to read prayers, that he might be conspicuous, I suppose, the people taking notice on Friday that he was neglected.

1718. Oct. 6th. Uncle in a pretty fair way with Mr. Ord—but I'm so affected and mortified at this accident, that cannot bear thoughts of wife—'my heart in heaven and could be content to die'—

<sup>289</sup> 1718. October 3rd. Isabel *uxor* Christopher Little, Whitton, buried. Rothbury Registers. For her marriage see p. 86, *supra*.

am afraid the world and its pleasures may in time gett hold of my affections which are now entirely disentangled.

1718. Oct. 7th. W. Wood sent me 12s. Begins to hesitate about getting degree, expects it at Easter, desires to know what I think. Mr. Grey approves of this scheme, if he may be allowed 20*l.* per annum for curacy—but insists that her fortune, and 50*l.* added to it, be laid out for her use—this is owing to Wood's foolish concession. She approves of it, least of all. Uncle Reed will allow him but 30*l.* per annum, he says.

1718. Oct. 8th. Christopher requested to write over my sermon, I granted, upon condition he would never lett any body else, thô he might show it, etc. That night his wife was killed—women tatling and saying, she could expect no better, for her using Mr. Bailes so, etc. It seems B. Haddon raised a report, that she had promised him. I deem it malice, for she would had<sup>290</sup> Christopher herself.

1718. Oct. 9th. Scarfes 12*s.* a piece—cost Christopher 13*l.* the burial. Mr. Clennel came thrô Rothbury and would not call, etc. Christopher courted Tib. Potts once. Gossipers say, the news of his being married, caused her illness—think that a story, for she begun not till Candlemas, and he was married in November, besides she's had the evil all along—Mrs. Hall to have all her cloths that are here.

1718. Oct. 10th. Mr. Douglas here, has 940*l.* Scotts, per annum, can go into the water in frost, sitt him down upon his cloths and put on his stockings with as much deliberation as if summer. Was marrying a couple, and the man would say obedient. At another time the woman would not say obedient. Douglas of Newcastle a cadet of their family—came from Ouston.

1718. Oct. 11th. Scotch woman asking her daughter that was sick if she would have any thing—ran thrô several, to which she answered no, at last she asked her, if she would have a man, which made her tihee, and say, 'you would make a sick body laugh.'<sup>291</sup>

1718. Oct. 12th. Footpadders mett a man that had only 18*d.* and made him take a purge, vomit and cordial at once—which he had in his pocket. Dr. Bentley<sup>292</sup> suspended *ab omni gradu suscepto* by Vice-chancellor and six Masters for contempt of their authority.

1718. Oct. 13th. One Carr<sup>293</sup> of Chatto, near Kelso, was in Italy, and melancholy, etc. His host said he would soon tell if his mother, etc., ailed ought—dispatched a fairy, took her ring,—she turned a maid of—when he returned told her, etc. Mr. Hall told it, he was in the family, but asked not the man.

1718. Oct. 14th. Mrs. Hall keeps all her sister's cloths that are

<sup>290</sup> *Query*, 'have had.'

<sup>291</sup> The last seven words are instead of 'you make me laugh tho' I'm sick,' crossed through.

<sup>292</sup> For a biography of Dr. Bentley, see *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>293</sup> The ancient Border family of Kerr of Chatto near Roxburgh.

here—better at Wigton, Mrs. Brown getts—Will buried her. One going to the Council of Presbyters in Scotland—saw a great company on horse, one advanced and asked him if he thought there was any hopes for the fallen angels—he appointed to meet them there again after he had consulted with the Presbyters, etc., he did and told him, that God's mercies were not to be limited. All that he could say, our Saviour took not on Him the nature of angels, but took on Him the seed of Abraham—at which he departed, and when come to them, they raised a hideous shreik and vanished away.

1718. Oct. 15th. G. Davison saw Christopher Little riding near Dean-Gate by the Forest, when at Newcastle, but looking of, nothing was there, he ran to the place, but could see nothing, etc. Ep. Gibson thought she saw him coming from Rothbury in black in morning twilight—but he walked of on one side, this since his wife died. Some body here (*I heard*) sad moaning at their brew-house end; Tom Robson heard sad groaning out of bed at midnight, upon which Kate said some would die: these before her death. Christopher and she coming from christen[ing] in Newtownfield saw a stream of fire go from well to their chimney, etc. Observe these all come out afterwards.

1718. Oct. 16th. The story of light from well to Christopher's chimney not true—asked himself, only a lanthorn, they thought, and took no notice—he says she never made any manner of promise to Mr. Bales, would not take his ring—she never would make any promise to him, thô she married him. Tom told uncle that the white cat had been seen twice since, etc., upon stairs—and G. Potts, Christopher's man, heard the guest<sup>294</sup> moaning at stair foot. The court-day, etc.

1718. Oct. 17th. King James I. dining at Lord Lumley's<sup>295</sup>—he asked his majesty if he would have the dishes come up in courses, or one by one,—he answered, one by one,—upon which his lordship lift up his hands and thanked God they had a king knew how to eat his meat, etc.

1718. Oct. 18th. Dr. Mede<sup>296</sup> refused the provostship of Dublin twice—was Fellow of Christ's College, in Cambridge—do not find he had any other preferment—it is said Archbishop Laud kept him down, because he had writt too severely about papist's idolatry—but Laud himself writt as strongly against popery as any, etc.

1718. Oct. 19th. A preist in France, pious and good—but perhaps disordered in his head—told his audience he had something to communicate to 'em of great importance, but they were not fitt to receive it, etc., till they had prepared themselves by fasting, etc.—the matter was to pray for the devil—it was only envy in him that made him tempt us, to see us happy, etc.

<sup>294</sup> Ghost.

<sup>295</sup> At Lumley Castle, co. Durham. See p. 95, *supra*.

<sup>296</sup> Joseph Mead or Mede (1586-1638), fellow of Christ College, Cambridge, author of *Clavis Apocalyptic* and other works treating of the millenium.

1718. Oct. 20th. Went to Newcastle—regaled our selves on goose-leg, etc. Uncle out of order; ascribed to riding thrô without rest or baiting, or to eating and no drin[k]. Burton<sup>297</sup> and Chilton<sup>298</sup> are stewards for the sons of the clergy, etc.

1718. Oct. 21st. White Kennett<sup>299</sup> made bishop of Peterborough. The people in Newcastle cannot endure Farrington, but still continue to admire Chilton. Carr married a lady with 500l.—had a coat made of silk camlett.

1718. Oct. 22nd. Dr. Bentley refused to admit those to whom the king had given their degrees, without his usual fee.—Some complyed to pay on condition he would restore it, that they might undergo the whole formality, etc., but he would not return it, and they sued him in the vice-chancellor's court, he tore the paper they sent by beadle, and called them names—they decreed to suspend him *ab omni gradu suscepto*, if he did not submitt, etc.

1718. Oct. 23rd. Uncle Robert said he would leave brother Richard the mills and ground which he is now buying—gives 1,600l. for them—Mr. Orde getts near 400l. by the bargain—but alledges the great charge and trouble that he has been at, in writings, etc. and Mr. Ridley's taking the upper mill has advanced the price. Brother has not consulted the doctor about Is—case, etc.

1718. Oct. 24th. Dr. Bentley, they say, denys the authority of St. Ignatius's Epistles. He would not submitt to the vice-chancellor, and they have decreed him suspended *ab omni gradu suscepto*, but he has appealed to court—they make a party business of it—and he the whig, which is strange, etc.

1718. Oct. 25th. Sir Gilfred Lawson's sister being at Lord [blank] in Yorkshire, was riding in the park with the lord's sister—it is supposed she took a fitt, and, falling backwards, gave a shreik, which frighted the horse—she hung by her hoops, and was dead when they came to her, etc., but no wounds in her head (scarce a scratch) as reported.

1718. Oct. 26th. Prince Sobieski beat 60,000 Turks with 6,000 men, when Crown-General of Poland—a covetous and rich man. Merchants complain sadly in London of our rupture with Spain—break and run away, etc.

1718. Oct. 27th. Mr. Bowes says he saw the Pretender in his travails—was in a very poor condition, and looked as if he was starved—he gave him 10 guineas. He says he will keep a mistress —this before his mother—intends to sett up for parliament man. He says Dr. Bentley gott one of his maids with child—I have heard, etc. His mother, etc., it was more likely some of them, etc.

1718. Oct. 28th. A church in Italy to which lead a fine way, but stopt there, and while they were considering which way to take,

<sup>297</sup> Mr. Nicholas Burton, M.A., lecturer of St. Nicholas', Durham.

<sup>298</sup> Mr. John Chilton, master of the St. Mary Magdalen Hospital, and preacher of St. Ann's Chapel, Newcastle.

<sup>299</sup> Dr. White Kennett (1660-1728), bishop of Peterborough, 1718-1728.

it opened and a passage appeared, and when they had passed thro' and looked behind them it was shut—Bowes tells such romantic stories, and that he was in a monk's cellar—two miles long.

1718. Oct. 29th. Wood to allow B. Grey 50*l.* to her portion, to be laid out for her use and he to receive no interest; it is, I beleive, 150*l.*—Ed. Grey would need have it return into the family, if she died—but B. resented that—and said if her freinds would give her a fortune, it should, etc.

1718. Oct. 30th. Mrs. Mitford charged her husband with lying with the clark's wife; I think—gott Mrs [blank] to tell him of it—he took it to heart and died, etc.—The earl of Castlemain was one Palmer, a gent., that had a handsome wife,<sup>300</sup> and King Charles II. made him earl.

1718. Oct. 31st. Bishop of London's answer—after enquiring if I had preferment—said it was not well for a curate to wear a scarfe—several had requested in vain of him—it would be time enough when had preferment. Uncle Robert wrt back, his lordship was very singular in his conduct, and could they have foreseen, etc., they would not have troubled him, and he need not fear any more trouble from that quarter.

1718. Nov. 1st. Major Fairfax,<sup>301</sup> who had the command of the army—was detained by Oliver to seek the Lord in prayer while they took the king's head of. When he came out and enquired after the king, etc., he gave up his commission, which was what Oliver wanted—he was a good man, but enthusiastical, etc.

1718. Nov. 2nd. One Dobson, near Appleby, married one of Mr. Lawson's sisters against her father's consent—but he relented before he died and left her, I beleive, 1,000*l.*, but her brother will not give her it—they are miserably poor—but his father will now, I beleive, give them something—he long stood out, because they would do nothing for her.

1718. Nov. 3rd. One Buckle, who was supposed to be employed by Mr. Baker and Cotesworth in coining, returned into the country (a brass half-crown found in their garden), performed, it is thought in the summer house. When they were in Pane's house, had a closet looking into the back-yard—strong shutters, a trap-door under the floor, etc., which uncle observed when they went into it, etc.

1718. Nov. 4th. I told uncle Robert I thought we did not manage well in affair of courtship—looked mercenary; that we would not proceed till brother's business was concluded—they make a perfect bargain and sale, etc. Uncle replied it was not their fault that she demurred so, John had not a mind I should go to far with her, till he had seen a rental of, etc.

<sup>300</sup> The notorious Barbara Villiers, Countess of Castlemaine. Cf. Trevelyan, *England Under the Stuarts*, pp. 350, 351.

<sup>301</sup> Sir Thomas Fairfax—afterwards third Lord Fairfax—commander-in-chief of the armies of the Commonwealth.

1718. Nov. 5th. Edw. Browel<sup>302</sup> went in night-gown to visit Sir William Blacket<sup>303</sup> soon after his arrival—he begun to banter him, to ask where was the ringing of bells, the joy, and hurras of the mob—for his well-come,—had the mayor been to wait upon him, or any of the alderman, etc. Sir W[illiam] was then just going to ride out, but when he returned he went to Mr. Browel's, enquired for him and caned him, etc.

1718. Nov. 6th. Wood left B. discontented and uneasy, her ill-natured sister up[b]raids her, etc. In Judge Hales's<sup>304</sup> life a story of a gent. who had a neice, to whom he was guardian—upon a quarrell with the maid she run away—some malicious people reported he had killed his neice, and was brought to his tryal and like to have been condemned, but begged respite till next assizes—and at them to the next—and yet could not hear of her, so that he bribed a young girl to appear—who, being discovered, he was condemned and executed, and after his death about a fortnight the neice came home: Judge Hales repented of his rashness.

1718. Nov. 7th. Upon debate about electing Sir W. Blackett mayor,<sup>305</sup> they objected his disaffection, and that General Wills had threatened to send a regiment of soldiers to quarter upon them if they did—but he gott a letter from the Secretary of State, signifying their opinion of his loyalty, and he said for himself that he had kissed the king's hand, which was more than they had, or perhaps could do—and they were more disaffected than he, etc.

1718. Nov. 8th. The mayor<sup>306</sup> objected that Sir W[illiam] came seldom amongst them, and therefore could not be supposed to understand their statutes and customs, etc., he replied, 'Mr. Mayor, that objection reaches yourself, for you never lived among us till the year of your mayoralty, and when that expires, you will, I suppose, return to Gate-side again.'

1718. Nov. 9th. Alderman Reay,<sup>307</sup> I think, objected that he kept a mistress, and debauched young women—he said, 'but I do not meddle with other men's wives, and in such a place as a church

<sup>302</sup> Probably Edward Browell, son of Mark Browell of Newcastle, baptized at All Saints, 11 September, 1689; admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge, 14 June, 1707; rector of Romaldkirk until his death, 23 December, 1763. Cf. Richardson, *Reprints of Rare Tracts, Biographies*, vol. i.

<sup>303</sup> Sir William Blackett of Newcastle and Wallington, bart., by Elizabeth, daughter and eventually heiress of Ralph Ord of West Ord, had a natural daughter, Elizabeth Ord, who was born on the 10th December, 1711. By a family arrangement, she was married to her putative father's nephew, Sir Walter Calverley, bart., who assumed the additional name of Blackett. Cf. Raine, *North Durham*, p. 253. Welford, *Men of Mark*, etc.

<sup>304</sup> Burnet, *Life and Death of Sir Matthew Hale*, London, 1682.

<sup>305</sup> Sir William Blackett, bart., who was elected mayor of Newcastle in 1718, was suspected to be a Jacobite.

<sup>306</sup> Mr. Francis Rudston, the outgoing mayor of Newcastle.

<sup>307</sup> Henry Reay, alderman of Newcastle, and mayor in 1712 and 1729, died 18 October, 1734, aged 63, and was buried at Tynemouth Priory.

porch.' He was about chusing seventeen new common council-men, rakes and rabble—but the alderman opposed him and out-voted him.

1718. Nov. 10th. One esquire Piggot, that gave my uncle a living, was a great fighter—never took an affront—pummeled major Norton, a great fellow. He was reckoned an enemy to clergy because he made them drink their share—but being asked, he said, if they'll go they are welcome, but cared not to have any sober when the rest drunk, to observe their actions, etc.

1718. Nov. 11th. Dan Burgess<sup>308</sup> preaching, said, 'I have but one whore in my congregation, and I'll fell her'—and making an offer to throw the bible, a great many bowed to shun the book—at which he said, 'I think I have nothing else but whores.' Of the Apostles leaving all and following Christ, he said, 'marry! what had they to leave but a few old fishing netts,' etc.

1718. Nov. 12th. Had a letter from cousin Robinson—she's very much out of order—begs uncle's charity (he says he'll give her something). One Kay, out of Yorkshire, come to arrest her husband, but by good luck their law allowed them fourteen days' warning—and they intended for Ireland.

1718. Nov. 13th. Sugar black before it is boiled—treakle is the dross of the cane after boiling:—three sorts 'Venice treakle,' called *Theriaca Andromachi*, from the man that invented it, and 'London' and 'Common.' Rum is distilled from the malossus of sugar, or what we call treakle. The Scotts begin to drink the Prince and Argyle, etc.

1718. Nov. 14th. Freight of ships but 6*l.* since the peace, for they can go when they please—before 17*l.*, for then they durst not stir without a convoy. Letter from W. Wood, Edinburgh, gives an account that G. Snowdon understands not concord, cannot decline a noun, nor form a verb—a specimen of his Lattin in the letter.

1718. Nov. 15th. Jos. Nicholson's wife meets gent. in a wood—Mr. Brown comes to his house, sends him drunk to bed, and then applys to his wife. She takes notice of him and that gang and helps them to meat, the best, etc.; but, says Mr. Colingwood to me, if you or I was there we might fast ere she'd help us or bid us eat. They were both at Mr. Brown's once, and Jos. left his wife behind him all night.

1718. Nov. 16th. All St. John's voted for Dr. Bentley's expulsion save H. Fouch, and they carried the cause by 50:—it is to be tried at the Secretary's office says H. Fetherston. Charles says the family complain of hard usage, etc. Adam Barnes at Stoke, in Suffolk—desires me to solicit for a place here with uncle's—has 30*l.* per annum and dear living.

1718. Nov. 17th. Charles and Harry declined message to the

<sup>308</sup> Rev. Daniel Burgess (1645-1713) of Magdalen Hall, Oxford, some time master of Charleville school, co. Cork, afterwards minister of New Court Chapel, Carey Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

family and gott Barnes;—he says they are provoked highly, their clamours are loud and bitter,—talk of other kindnesses, stock and turn-over, etc., but would not accept satisfaction, and scorned all manner of correspondence with—.

1718. Nov. 18th. Writt to John Clark to pay Mr. Newcome when he received an account what the sum was—and Mr. Brig, a guinea by the first opportunity. Desired him to try bishop of London again, etc., insinuate that uncle would turn over living—and that granting me such favour should not be interpreted an earnest of another, etc. I insinuated as if I could be glad he would try some of his acquaintance to gett such a privilege of Lord Craven, or other—would not insist upon a formal title, and thought that one that had qualified their number might give me leave—(bare permission by word or writing I desired but), etc., being in an obscure place, etc.

1718. Nov. 19th. Desired to know of John Clark whether Thomas Grainger, senior and junior, had received my letters—brother thinks he putt them in posthouse. Mr. Colingwood very civil and obliging this time, but when I went with Mr. Brown (about the time uncle had signified his resentments for his toasting M. Anderson, etc.) he seemed inclined to affront me—asking if I would smoak, and then himself replied—‘not at present,’ etc., it was either about this or drinking brandy—looked like an insinuation, as if he would have ‘em think I did sometimes, etc.

1718. Nov. 20th. Mr. Park fell of his horse, coming from Alnwick, into a quarry—was dead when taken up, but came to himself after a sleep, etc. Warrants came out to take up rebels, and they seized G. Storey, and Justice Colingwood lett him go upon the word of his brother, H. Potts and Humphrey Maving, etc. Uncle had just then an excommunication against him, and in a letter to Fergus Storey<sup>309</sup> had taken notice of the danger he was in from that quarter, which made some people think (uncle fears) that he had informed, etc.

1718. Nov. 21st. A *Capias* against Eleanor Robson—she would not go, etc. We churched G. Storey’s wife and yet uncle does not allow their marriage—presented for living in fornication. R. Snowdon and Christopher quarrelled about the wall he has built—the latter in great rage called him ‘sirrah’ and rascal, etc. Robin had nothing to say but, ‘there’s a fine scholar, to call one sirrah and rascal,’ etc. It is on Christopher’s own ground and what Robin had before advised, etc.

1718. Nov. 22nd. Uncle for cutting down a tree which Ned Ogle claims, and they say was thought theirs by his father and grandfather. Mrs. Ogle says he shall have her heart blood first. R. Storer has sold John Cennel a house very dear and gott the money—and now when it is found that he cannot give a title without a

<sup>309</sup> Mr. Fergus Storey of Harehope and Beanley, married Dorothy, daughter of John Proctor of Shawdon, and died in the month of July, 1727. A pedigree of Storey is given in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 185.

fine passing, thô he had promised to pay for one, yet will not do it, and thô John Clennell promises to be 20s. of it—and he insists upon 50s. ; when the fine both for this and his house, etc., at Harbuttle will cost but 5*l.*—and that nothing to Clennell, etc.

1718. Nov. 23rd. A. Douglas criminal with John Pery's wife—found his father with her once, when he had the same intentions—confessed it to Mr. Guild and asked his advice, etc., is now very penitent and good, etc. When last at Whickham, uncle would fain have been in with the business of the mill, etc., was for being sharer in the profits, etc., but uncle Robert told him that was against the canons, and had not he been railing against Mr. Nisbet for such doings—who is to be indited at sessions (people say), for farming, forestalling and facturing.

1718. Nov. 24th. Uncle [spoke] of that project of sharing in the profits—then he would have the writings drawn in his name—for fear alderman Ridley,<sup>310</sup> etc., might do uncle Robert some prejudice relating to the lecture-ship of St. Nicholas—and when that would not do—he was for having uncle Robert to build the mills, when he knew that he had not money, etc., and must apply to him. Would [have] had uncle Robert to enter into bond with alderman Reed for security for the 1,000*l.* He was to lend the alderman, *i.e.*, in effect to oblige the alderman's father to settle some estate which the alderman has in possession but not writings, which is to be security for the 1,000*l.*—which how unreasonable, etc.

1718. Nov. 25th. Went to G. Hummell's to dinner—very good. People seem to think uncle guilty of breach of that charity, which he recommends, etc., in Eleanor Robson's case. Said he would have a better school, these masters had no authority, and he had complaints of them—would have Mr. Wood, etc. Mrs. Hall netted said he promised gent. to putt him in preist's orders in a year's time, etc., and had done them harm by making school free.

1718. Nov. 26th. Kate in great passion about taking away the stones—we showed our charity, etc., and John said 'might overcame right,' and Tom that we would have taken down the little house rather than have wanted, etc. R. Storer takes 3*d.* for half pound of powder and 2*d.* my bottle of oyl, when Robin getts the first for 2*1/2d.* and the other for a penny of Fan. Simson.

1718. Nov. 27th. Went to Alnwick—Nicholas Hunter deprettiated my mare to uncle most sadly, etc. Mr. Greave<sup>311</sup> kind with a neice and plagues his old wife—he was their servant and, out of kindness, her former husband taught him law, and when he died, his wife married him. Mr. Forster's wife was a servant, or very ordinary woman.

<sup>310</sup> Notices of Richard Ridley of Heaton, alderman of Newcastle, may be found in Welford, *Men of Mark*.

<sup>311</sup> Richard Grieve of Alnwick, solicitor, and of Swarland, married first Elizabeth, widow of — Thompson. See new *History o' Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 399.

1718. Nov. 28th. Young Parson Burrell<sup>312</sup> courts Mrs. Jane Brown. Her father steward to the earl of Tankerville at Chillingham—he laid out money for Lord Ossalton in cloaths and horse, etc., when he came from Holland in quest of butcher's daughter,<sup>313</sup> but the earl would not repay it—nor will not see him, etc.

1718. Nov. 29th. A young woman near the Borders married out of a window, the parson (in a miller's coat) and the bridegroom out of doors—and the father had the key of her chamber in his pocket. Match between T. Selby and M. Grey like to be broke of—her father will not give above 20 or 30 guineas.

1718. Nov. 30th. Was at G. Brown's to baptize his child,<sup>314</sup> thô it was not sick—is not this partiality, says Mr. Hall. Voted for a supply to the king, etc. Walpole objected against the sum, that it was more by [blank] than Marlborough had in Flanders, but it was carried against him—1 to 97.

1718. Dec. 1st. Witness to a will where uncle and Rob. Snowdon are trustees, for wife and child—to pay for lease compounding and to re-imburse them selves out of yearly profits of it and allow them the remainder—and when they are paid—the wife to have thirds of lease and the rest for son—to make him a fuller—one Fletcher<sup>315</sup> of the Hill-head—Will made after his death 5 days, and 3 witnesses to his verbal will, less insufficient. Jane Iends—to the widow—Rob. Snowdon bound with her for payment.

1718. Dec. 2nd. Dr. Mede in a letter to Dr. Twisse,<sup>316</sup> supposes no inhabitants in America till since our Saviour, no monuments of antiquity above that, etc. He says the devil being impatient of the sound of the gospel, and foreseeing his kingdom would go near to be destroyed he thought to provide himself of a seed, over which he might reign securely—and so drew a colony of some people on the Northern Ocean to America, promising them by oracle to show them a better country, etc. Out of the memorials of their own kingdom, the Mexicans relate their coming from the North—and not being above 400 years standing when we discovered them—led by their God Vitzilipukli, going before them in an ark, etc.

<sup>312</sup> Mr. William Burrell of Broome park, vicar of Chatton (1713-1752), did not marry Miss Jane Brown but Philadelphia, daughter of Bryan Grey of Kyloe. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 223.

<sup>313</sup> This statement refers to the romantic courtship and subsequent marriage of Charles, third Earl of Tankerville, with Camilla, daughter of Edward Colville of Whitehouse, near Gateshead, a lady who adorned the situation to which she was raised by her marriage. Cf. *Monthly Chronicle of North Country Lore and Legend*, vol. for 1887, p. 274.

<sup>314</sup> 1718. Nov. 30th. George, filius George Brown, junior, Longhaugh, baptized. *Rothbury Registers*.

<sup>315</sup> 1718. Nov. 30th. Robert Fletcher, Hill-head, buried. *Rothbury Registers*.

The testator had apparently made a nuncupative deathbed will, which was subsequently reduced to writing.

<sup>316</sup> William Twisse, D.D. (1578-1646), rector of Newbury, Berks, was buried in Westminster Abbey. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

1718. Dec. 3rd. When cousin Robinson came here, they missed their way, and lodged at one Hog's of Falilee.<sup>317</sup> He dined after with uncle and said he would send the barns a little cheese, and did. James Robson, alluding to this (when this Hog was telling Sir William Blacket of his being cited, etc., and an excommunication came out against him) said, 'never fear, you'll come of well enough for another old cheese.'

1718. Dec. 4th. A prebend of St. Paul's fallen vacant, and the bishop says it is not worth his freind's acceptance, meaning my uncle Robert. The words—*and seal* in my certificat, scratched out as not usual, by uncle Whickham. I writt it by uncle John's directions.

1718. Dec. 5th. Another appointment with Mr. Farrington and he disappointed them—but said he was at the Mrs. Bulman's coffee-house, thô no body saw him, at 2 of clock, and uncle and Mr. Ord went within a quarter after two and could hear nothing of him. Mr. Douglas declines being an arbitrator for him, and he has applied to Ch. Clark and, some say, he declines.

1718. Dec. 6th. Uncle Robert says he will take care of my Letters Dimissory, etc. Wridd to him that —— advised us to scratch out the bishop of Carlisle's name and putt in London-derry's, and so to change the date—but I had rather be at the charge of new ones, than be guilty of a thing which to me (to say no worse of it) looked mean—what if the difference of hand-writing should be taken notice of, etc.—hoped he would conceal it, if he did not approve of —— finding fault or censuring the proceedings of ——.

1718. Dec. 7th. Report that the second son of Sir [blank] is courting Dol. Colingwood—Mrs. Alder was saying so to Mr. Potts. Brother talks of going along with us, etc. Dr. Bissex sett in pillory—carried in a coach—one came by and said he was a villain, but the mob had like to have murdered him—nothing thrown at him.

1718. Dec. 8th. Wridd to Dr. Wood—the physicks I had read, Rohault and Gassendus<sup>318</sup> and Globe and Collins—in these had tutor's help and explications—afterwards left to our selves—supposing the rudiments or foundation laid, we were to make the superstructure our selves. The rest I read as I mett with them, and had occasion.

1718. Dec. 9th. Told him how we were asked whether —— courted Mrs. Al. Ord under some circumstances of disadvantage, some or (*sic*) their relations being there present who did not imagine any such thing—hoped he did not tell it at that family. Wridd for my Felton. Told him of a report that Drybrough could not gett out of bed, etc.

1718. Dec. 10th. Gave him no account of ethics or metaphysics because he said he would read none, but hoped that was because he already had, for in my opinion they are more necessary for a divine

<sup>317</sup> Fallowlees, is an outlying township in Rothbury parish, the hamlet being some five or six miles distant from the church town of Rothbury. Cf. Rev. John Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part II. vol. i. p. 289.

<sup>318</sup> Gassendius, *Philosophia Epicuri*.

—not to detract either from the usefulness or pleasantness of that study. For they were usefull—and religion was very much indebted (if I may so say) to natural philosophy.

1718. Dec. 11th. Was surprized at G. Snowdon—no remedy but double diligence. The school could not be medled with till next spring. Found watch key—received the Letters Dimissory, but no change of name—great greif and disappointment—they have been at Durham too. Writt to brother to enquire and send me word to Carl[isle] for my satisfaction. Went to G. Brown's christening. uncle durst not venture—frost and snow.

1718. Dec. 12th. Boid promised to return the pamphlet I had lent Mr. Park—gave Mr. Brown my letters for Edinburgh and to brothers at Newcastle. Mr. Colingwood and Park here; pressed uncle hard for Robin to go with us—said he would give me three guineas in pocket—and then might take care of my-self. Nelly made open confession of her faults and begged pardon in market place—she must find two bondsmen, pay her mortuary and sesses yet, before uncle will write to Durham to have excommunication taken of.

1718. Dec. 13th. Writt to Mr. Cowper—was angry at my-self, for raising that scruple my-self about his not knowing me three years —left it entirely to his discretion. Desired him to conceal this affair for a reason I would give another opportunity; at present I had but just time to give humble service to Mrs. Cowper and conclude my self your, etc.

1718. Dec. 14th. Land-liners have lined and staked the ground in Dove-coat yard—Uncle says he'll make them take them up more publickly than they did stake them—what belongs to the church is *liberum tenementum*, he does not answer for it in duke of Somerset's court, etc. Besides, what have land-liners to do with hedges—especially when it is N. Ogle's own hedge and he must blame himself, if he gives uncle a peice of ground, what have they to do, etc., and they might in civility have acquainted him before.

1718. Dec. 15th. Sett forward for Cumberland—Robert Hall of Blaikburn sett us two miles beyond Kirkwhelpington. Gave John Wilson 2s. all but 3d. for mending, etc. Ch. Little sent his man and horse yesterday to Horseley, and this day lent us one for two or three miles. Was invited to Ch. Brown's christening.<sup>319</sup> Uncle gave me five guineas last night.

1718. Dec. 16th. Mr. Whittingdale<sup>320</sup> gone to Durham about Corbridge; expected at Haltwhistle this night, etc. Called at Mr. Rook's—they asked us to light once—but not repeating their invitation we rid on—stopped at Mr. Brown's by storm coming on.

1718. Dec. 17th. Thomas Watson and several others run away. He has taken up horses to the value of [space] hundred pounds, and

<sup>319</sup> 1718. Dec. 18th. Ann, *filia* Charles Brown, High Heely, baptized. *Rothbury Registers.*

<sup>320</sup> Mr. Charles Whittingdale appears to have obtained the vicarage of Corbridge and to have retained it only one year. Cf. Randal, *State of the Churches.*

all of rich men—*fathers have at all one (sic)*. Tom promised him a good price—thus has he sold 11 or 12 horses to men that promised good prices and never gott ought—as mother, etc., can reckon.

1718. Dec. 18th. Catherine in small pox at Dublin. It happened luckily she was well purged before she went—otherwise very dangerous to have 'em after such a change of air. Mother sent her because sister Isabel made her frett and crossed her, etc. Went to the Rose-Castle. Mr. Brown putt us in fear by telling the bishop would insist upon formal titles, but worse discouraged when we were told by servants that five or six were turned back (as they supposed) for want of titles, but his lordship made no scruple at mine, and after some conference accepted Mr. Hall's credentials.

1718. Dec. 19th. Was troubled when I received Letters Dismissory and no alteration made—but only Samuel putt in and the date changed—but found it was right, etc. Mr. Hall had scratched out Carleol. and left a blank—but ne'er told me; however, I was in the right. Dined at Mr. Brown's. Read *aditu* long yesterday—and hesitated in Greek Testament. Bishop and chaplain civil.

1718. Dec. 20th. Uncle had writt in his letter—if it had been as much in his power as desire I should have been in Dr. Benson's room (or some such expression) thô then (said he) I should have wanted his company and the parish the advantage of his preaching, which pleases both them and me. Went again to the Rose—call at Gill and they gave us an invitation—but when went next they motioned to send a guid (*sic*) to Atkinson's with Mr. Hall, etc., the reason, I suppose, was the stranger just come from Penrith. Ion used to be absent from school days together, and never, perhaps, out of town—then would come with boots on as if had been abroad.

1718. Dec. 21st. Came away this morning and they all in bed—hoped to see them at Wigton fair. Called first absolution in liturgy declaratory—could not tell the other—Farington and Maleverer<sup>321</sup> said authoratative—but it was not—precatory—as bishop said—Farington, by way of correction, said consolatory. Rendered Greek, Romans i., 4, *preordinatus* instead of *prediatus*.<sup>322</sup> Ellison said Jesi and Jésu—called sacrament an expiatory sacrifice—whereas only commemorative—this was yesterday. Ordained and dined with his lordship—paid 10s. for orders, and servants half-crown per man.

1718. Dec. 22nd. Had two wigs yesterday on—Farington talking of Whittington Tower<sup>323</sup> asked what sort of building it was uncle had added to it—I said I was no great critic, I thought well enough—he turned his head and smiled by way of sneer, etc. Wilson brought

<sup>321</sup> Bellingham Mauleverer, son of Timothy Mauleverer of Arncliffe, and Elizabeth, daughter of James Bellingham of Levens, rector of Maghera, co. Derry, collated 3rd April, 1723; born 10th August, 1609, died 5th April, 1752, buried at Maghera; married Elizabeth, third daughter of William Nicolson, D.D., bishop of Carlisle, and afterwards archbishop of Cashel.

<sup>322</sup> *Qui praedestinatus est Filius Dei.* Vulgate, Romans, i. 4.

<sup>323</sup> The rectory house of Rothbury parish.

a sermon for St. Thomas' day and a digression to the purpose of ordination—least he should be putt up. He found fault with Maleverer for reading both collect for Sunday and St. Thomas', said they did not in town—left out collect for the day—and they often in town talked and disputed those things—insinuating they were rather to be guides to country clergymen. Bishop dismissed me but coldly, and coldly gave his service to uncle methought.

1718. Dec. 23rd. Was at fair yesterday with Mrs Orfeur.<sup>324</sup> Mrs. Wilson looks grave—but suspected of criminal correspondence with Fletcher and William Barnes (?). Father calls brother R. . . . extravagant—will be like Jos. Robinson—treats all where-ever he comes—Was to give a note to return 500*l.* of the 1,500*l.* he got, to William and Robert—he had borrowed 500*l.* for 'em about the wood, and they were now borrowing 600*l.* by Mr. Rook's means—would break them-selves and him too—Sister told him that brother and W. Wood were out every night at Newcastle. Mr. Dunlap, Brown, etc., dined with us—whipt syllabub, and almond curds and great variety we had—but no regularity as should.

1718. Dec. 24th. Sett forward for Rothbury—brother hindred, or would have gone yesterday—persuaded us the snow was drifted and we could not go under three days and that by Newcastle, and I had not gott rental ready to sett forward on Monday. Father said, could we match with none but attorn[ey's] daughters? Called at Mr. Rook's—dinner on the table, and they did not invite me—resolve never to call there again unless necessity, etc.—It was storm and snow too yesterday, or perhaps I would have gone to Carl[isle] last night.

1718. Dec. 25th. Troubled that I should be on the road this day—resolved never to lett any prevail with me to do the like—especially when we came at Simonburn and mett 'em coming out of church. Prayed often that people might not take offence at our example. Missed our way—dark ere we gott to Kirkwhelpington—called at Mr. Gammel's for a guide, etc., could not gett one, and he shuged us of to a pitifull alehouse—but we deserved all that for travailing now. Landlady told us Ion had been borrowing a horse of one of their neighbours to go to Carlisle—and brother talked of his being expected at Rose—so he told me he was to go to York the last ordination, but whether he went not, or stopt, I cannot tell. There were six turned back at Carlisle.

1718. Dec. 26th. Gott home at 12. Uncle said nothing, etc., as I expected. Mr. Cowper helped him last Sunday—but none on Christmas day, and many communicants. Was writing to Dr. Morton about Bedlington for me, if uncle Robert would go with it; but (says he) he lives at ease, etc., and is not concerned for others—I would have counted no thanks to have thought of this project before—but I never hear matters till long after—the case is, they

<sup>324</sup> The ancient family of Orfeur seated at Plumblant, in Cumberland.

cannot agree for one person, and so they will lett it lapse to the bishop—Dockwray, Ellison and Simson are candidates—Ellison's crimes published—and they are resolved not to have him.

1718. Dec. 27th. The contents of letter to Dr. Morton<sup>325</sup> :—that their enemies made sport of their clashing and disagreement and would propose an expedient to take a third person where all might agree and not desert their freinds they had engaged for—since they could not (neither of the candidates I mean) succeed—and that was me, an ingenuous education, of strict vertue and never heard me charged with any vice, thô he had known me from cradle, and hoped uncle Robert would attest the same, who would wait upon him, etc., and they were so well satisfied with the progress I had made and my qualifications, that they would submitt to any examination they should think proper, etc.—desired him to conceal it as far as prudent, for I was thoughtfull and would have estate of some hundreds. He would not have me exposed. Spoke, too, of Mr. Hall's business, etc.

1718. Dec. 28th. Writt a letter to uncle Robert to go with his letter to Dr. Morton and wait his orders—thought Providence had opened a way for John of Drym (*sic*), and they would be a wanting in their concern for me if they lett this opportunity slip,—hoped Mr. Orde would bring over the dean, for he seemed willing to joyn interest with me last time I was there for John of Drym. If he be cold, I can tell how to make earl of Carlisle, bishops of Carlisle and London and General Carpenter and, if occasion require, Cadogan, freinds—he says to him. The dean is more necessary than the bishop in our circumstances—and we may have occasion to beg another favour of the bishop afterwards—but what bishop he means I know not.

1718. Dec. 29th. Wilson brought my gown to Carlisle. The French king's confessor [*blank*] often reproving him for meddling with women—he asked him what dish he liked best, he said 'capons'—the king said, 'will you confine your self to them upon condition I confine myself to my queen,' he said, 'yes,' and was glad he could do such service, etc. Accordingly, he had them every day, but in half a year was so tired, that he desired to have his liberty and the king might take his.

1718. Dec. 30th. An old man, a young, and lady in coach were attacked, the young laid down his money at his foot and bid them win it and wear it—they yielded or desisted—he interceded for the lady—and the old man that sit in coach all time and had his money in basket, etc., they directed him to it and lost all. Uncle called my father so many names for not having distrained on their goods for half year's rent in arrear of mill-house—he says Mr. Rook had no power to give acquittance—it should be printed. Mr. Rook promised to give uncle a perfect account of Colonel Gledhill's business, etc.

<sup>325</sup> Dr. John Morton, archdeacon of Northumberland from 1685 to 1722.

1718. Dec. 31st. Grebier's prophecy—a manuscript in Trinity College Library—left them by Dr. Nevil,<sup>326</sup> their Master—presented to Queen Elizabeth and came to his hands when Clerk of the Closet. Prophecies something concerning Queen Elizabeth and that world will end, 1613; having no other ground for the same than the numeral letters of the Latin word *judicium* (as they are all) which makes that number.

1718/9. Jan. 1st. Mr. Thomas Park came to borrow some money of uncle—has had some loss by sea—they have 150*l.* to pay amongst three of them. Bill for strengthening (a fine word) the Protestant interest ordered to be engrossed, etc. King of Sweden dead, shott through the head, etc. Talk of free trade with Sweden—and thô war be proclaimed against Spain, yet it is thought there will be none—they must submitt—king of Sweden being dead.<sup>327</sup> Greater-party for Prince of Hesse-Cassel to succeed, thô marries second daughter, and it is thought the late king in his will had declared in his favour. Duke of Holstein married the eldest; Baron Gortz declared for him, but he is secured—the army for the prince of Hesse-Cassel.

1718/9. Jan. 2nd. Bishop of London given six exhibitions of 12*l.* per annum to Oriel College, for Batchelours of Arts. Uncle calls alderman Reed 'block-head and blunderer,' etc., has mistaken in his accounts with Mrs. Milbourne, etc., and given her acquittances for 5*l.* per cent, when he had no orders nor commission:—the two guineas for Mr. Orde sett 'em all together by the ears, at Morpeth—they had never acquainted Mr. Browel. Uncle Reed had laid the blame on brother Richard—he says he never had any orders to tell him it—he knew it indeed, and was several times with Mr. Browell, but never told anything foreign to his business and errand.

1718/9. Jan. 3rd. Writt to father—that he must distrain for the half year for which they show Mr. Rook's acquittance—no acquittance sufficient to discharge 'em but such as come from Mr. Douglas, etc. Use severity, because uncles have engaged, etc.—To enquire about Brigby's brother, etc.—Whether father paid M. Tiffin's mother the 10*s.*, etc. To send uncle word when he had received Mr. Douglas's money, etc. To send more particular account of Jos. Dickman's affair and would try uncle again.

1718. Jan. 4th. Uncle in his letter to Mr. Brown<sup>328</sup>—he wished Mr. Rook and father had their weekly meetings at Wigton, but in gathering the shott, as is reported, they were both out of pocket—

<sup>326</sup> Thomas Neville, D.D., master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and dean of Canterbury, died 2 May, 1615. Cf. *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>327</sup> The famous Charles XII., King of Sweden, 1697-1718. His eldest sister, Hedvig Sophia, had married the Duke of Holstein Gottorp, and the younger sister, Ulrica Eleanora, was the wife of Frederick, Duke of Hesse. The younger sister was chosen to be queen, but transferred her authority to her husband, who reigned as Frederick I. from 1720 to 1751.

<sup>328</sup> Mr. John Brown, vicar of Wigton.

I know not what this means. James says Mr. Colingwood was indifferent, etc., which discouraged him and made him for going home again—he thought they had desired him to come or he would not have sought their business, etc. Uncle ordered to putt the partition wall of lath and plaister among the articles for plain wall and not among ceiling, as it was.

1718/9. Jan. 5th. Writt to Mr. Brown—he had the plaisterer's account according to our calculation and the sums total of each division, would not be confident that it is exactly true, but, however, uncle had made it useless, by ordering us to transpose the partition-wall, etc., and putt it under the head of plain wall at three half pence per yard. He ordered this but just before bedtime last night and had not time to cast up the sums total again according to his division, etc. If any difference between his and our calculations—owing to the shortness of their rule, etc. I promised to make experiment at leisure and send, etc.

Was witness to a bond and letter of attorney for 160*l.* lent to Mr. Storey and son, of Beenly. James to send me 20*s.* for watch by father and gett money of him from . . . . .<sup>329</sup> and watch key changed for my old one. Uncle Robert declines going to Durham—the dean a positive man—they have blackened the two candidates and will trump up the Pretender's business against me, etc. The bishop of Derry objected against that at ordination, says Mr. Far-ington, and gave him (I think he says) an opportunity of clearing that point. Brother has given Mr. Wood my quilt and blankets, and only sent home bed and curtains (I think) to my mother.

1718/9. Jan. 7th. Writt to brother for Justin Martyr—and sermons, which I spoke to W. about in brother's hearing—wanted to know if he paid W. for Horace and Juvenal, etc.—Writt to Mr. Newcome to send to John Clark for his money—and that brother will call upon him for *History of the Saracens*. Writt to Mr. Richardson to keep my ring till brother arrives—justified my self in relation to the family—Brigby's sending for my ring from publick house, etc. ; that snuff-box was not broken as he relates, yet offered satisfaction for that and stocks and pinn, etc.

1718/9. Jan. 8th. Told Charles I doubted the real cause was the keeping company so long gave people occasion to imagine something I never intended, and perhaps might suggest some flattering hopes to — vain imagination—and then to be disappointed and blown upon, etc. He knew — used to bestow some amorous kisses on Susan sometimes, and in more serious minutes reflected this might give her occasion, etc., but never could master my self so far as to forsake, etc. ; however, by remote hints discountenanced any such expectations—and that I would never marry without uncle's consent, etc.—It was trouble to me that I should give occasion, etc., yet I'm not certain that this is the reason of — re-

<sup>329</sup> A short word at the end of the line is illegible.

sentments—I only suspect the worst. One would think Cambr[idge] ladies might have learned by experience, that nothing of matrimony is to be expected from those that dally and keep company with them—without verbal promise or profession—nothing else to justify conduct, etc.

1718/9. Jan. 9th. Observe uncle meets with discouragements in his duty. Just when he was prosecuting G. Storey, etc., came a warrant to take him up, which made them conclude he was the occasion of it, etc. Now they sollicit him to speak to Justice Colingwood to cease from demanding bond for his appearance at sessions—a temptation to him to do so, that he may remove the suspicion of his having caused the warrant to be sent, etc., but yet I hope he will not do it—he says not. What improves the suspicion is that ne'er another in the county is taken up. Told Charles—that if the family were to refund all that they had cost me—the ballance would fall on their side, and they be much in my debt. Told Charles and Harry that Wood might ha . . . . .<sup>330</sup> Desired Harry to procure leave to wear a s[c]a[rf] . . . . . difficult to be obtained of a temporal. . . . .

[There is here a break in the journal, and the diaries from the 9th of January, 1718/9, to the 1st of December, 1721, have not been preserved. During this interval the old rector of Rothbury died, and his nephew, the diarist, left the north of England and for a time resided at Navestock in Essex. The following selections comprise abridged copies of letters and some entries of the nature of a journal, written at the reversed end of the second volume of the MS.]

1721. Dec. 1st. Writt to father—‘thank you for your kind expressions in your letter, but have laid aside the thought of Dr. Tod’s daughter. I’m satisfied it is no credit for me to pursue that affair, where she gives people occasion to talk so, and therefore I’m resolved to desist. Forgive me what is past, and I am resolved never to do any thing again that looks not creditable in such affairs. I shall always be upon my guard to prevent any body’s stealing upon my affections, till I’m convinced it will be creditable and convenient. I sent you Mrs. Miller’s account as far as I could make it out. I have no mind to proceed any farther in affair with Dr. Tod, but I could wish you would appear to be the cause of breaking it—you have a just pretence, *i.e.*, because he will not advance so much money as he is able, and because his daughter ought not to have given a handle for such discourse. She ought to have discouraged him while I was concerned, etc., and my uncle does not approve of it. I should have been at London sooner, if I had not called at Howley and Amington, but I doubt brother’s affair will come to

<sup>330</sup> The folio is torn here, at the end of the lines.

' nothing—Pray tell John Sim (?) to write about his son, and he that ' is heir to some estate in Allonby. Pray pay Mrs. Dobbinson for my ' stockings—and my service—I've received your letter and Sir ' Christopher's, etc.<sup>331</sup>

1721. Dec. 2nd. The vineyard at Lord Salisbury's an excellent thing—a high wall and slopes down and then another in half circles in the midle, then a fine canal, then runs a river thrô, round a square platt and never overflows, and then a fine grove, full of birds, nightingales, etc. Fine painting in altar-peice at Dunstable, etc.

1721. Dec. 4th. Gott to Navestock—good fortune to find Whickham people at Abridge, and so a guide to Navestock. My uncle<sup>332</sup> will give me his living, if I'll reside, I said I would—it is but 200*l.* per annum. Uncle condemns brother's match, because no money ready—he owes him 2,700*l.*, and said he owed father money, but would he confine his thoughts and projects—he is for setting up a maker of anvils and an anchor smith. Uncle the doctor, said he would be just like alderman Ridley, aiming at all things and never rich, etc. Uncle blames the doctor for not coming to see him—he knew he could not come to Oxon—seems to take it very ill, etc. Uncle said Mr. Ray had made an ill sett—the bailifs about his father's house—had 4 or 500*l.* per annum, but all spent—a silly good for nothing fellow—the uncle had left her about 150*l.* Mr. Ray could smoak and drink stoutly—he said, when I told I could smoak, but did not use it. He asked how long I staid at Rothbury after uncle's decease, I said ten weeks or more; but I had forgott, it was four months. I suppose uncle the doctor had told him about N.—for he had told him I was going to be married to Dr. Tod's daughter—I said not—I had some thought of it, she being given out a great fortune, etc.

1721. Dec. 5th. Uncle said brother's mistress was fitter for me than him—he said little when I told him that Mr. Repington would need send him some venison.—Little Jack challenges my horse and says his uncle gave him it—I said it should be at his service. Uncle has laid out near 1,000*l.* in building. I could not give such a state of affairs between brother and aunt as inc[lose]d. Aunt took toll of their meal, said I to uncle. Lord Wharton putt out an advertisement describing Sunderland and offering 10 guineas reward to him that would discover the man that made reflections on *London Journal* in the coffee house, he knew well enough, for he saw him, etc.

1721. Dec. 7th. Writt to Mrs. B. Repington—'Pursuant to my promise, I will send you an account of my journey—had good journey to Coventry, but made my self melancholy at night by

<sup>331</sup> Sir Christopher Musgrave of Edenhall, fifth baronet.

<sup>332</sup> The Diarist's uncle, Richard Thomlinson, of Newcastle, afterwards of London, merchant, seems to have settled at Navestock, where he is stated to have been buried, *circa* 1726.

Abridge is on the river Roding, some four miles west of Navestock.

reflecting on Amington<sup>333</sup> and missing your company—"alas!" thought I, "why might not I stay for ever," etc. On Saturday night, because it is the custom in our country to drink health to our wifes and mistresses, I called for some sack and drank your healths—but my greif is that I cannot be silly, etc. On Sunday I was at Dunstable church, where I saw some fine ladies, but alas! I took no pleasure in their beauty. I thank God I had no misfortune, but my horse gott a cutt by the ice. I could not gett coach to London on Tuesday or would have writt then. Brother says that your father did tell him that he might command the 1,000*l.* at marriage by the writings, as Mr. Parker can attest, and cousin Clark says he heard one of the trustees for mother's joyniture say, that they would pay the 1,000*l.* down, if you please, and that is all I suppose that brother means. Pray be pleased to give me a line and lett me know what brother says. Recollect your self whether you have not a right to the 1,000*l.* at marriage. Service to father and thanks, etc. I will give him a line, when I gett any thing that will answer the expence of a letter. Service to Mrs. N. and a 1,000 thanks to you both for all favours, etc. Service and thanks to Mrs. Davidge. I design to send you some oysters soon. Pray take no notice to your father of what brother and cousin Clark said in this affair, perhaps they did not intend I should speak of it.'

1721. Dec. 8th. Writt yesterday to brother. . . .

'I desire you will not speak to any about my affair with Mrs. N.—it must be secret or I shall not succeed—I received your letter at London and do not question, but you found Mrs. Eng—a modest woman, but they say Mr. Grosvenor has not—And she may be freindly, but the ladies do not think her so to them—I must confess I was something exasperated by their representation of her, which made me write somewhat bitterly perhaps in my last, but I hope you will excuse it, because it was out of a good design to you—my uncle here does not approve of the match at all, and thinks that 1,000*l.* in hand to you is better than 4 or 5 in reversion, etc. I tell you this and yet I'm loath to tell you it, for I could, with all my heart, wish you to her, and yet I should wish you to ready money, because it will be to your advantage. If you have leisure pray send me . . . . the preliminaries exactly between you and Mrs. Repington in every particular, that I may know what I may expect from Mrs. N.—I think she is mine by her father's leave, but say nothing. Lett me have some account of your partnership with uncle Reed. I would write to uncle the doctor, but have not news to answer the expence. Prey return me my 50*l.*'

1721. Dec. 9th. Mr. Preistman says K. Tod is married, and they talk at Wigton that we would have married, but father was not willing. Will's wife as bad as her sister, Jos. Ritson's wife of Standingstone.

<sup>333</sup> *Query*, Amington, otherwise Almington, in Warwickshire, where resided Mr. Edward Repington, whose daughter Elizabeth became the first wife of the Diarist's brother Richard.

1721. Dec. 10th. The estate at Ellenborough which cousin Clark should has<sup>334</sup> is 20*l.* per annum. Lawyer Christian wheedled them out of it, it being near him and some of it in his way to his coal-pitts.

1721. Dec. 11th. Told Mr. Lawson and Aglionby that I had no thoughts of K. Tod now. Father was unwilling, because not fortune enough—everybody condemn me. Sir Christopher Musgrave said something to father that sett him against Sir Christopher. Besides, I said Mr. Mitford was at Whitehaven while she was there, thô she declared she'd had no design to marry him. Of all the ladies that I have seen, but I've not seen many, I said I like Mr. Briscoe's daughter that is married—Mrs. Lawson I should have in view, to make an alliance, etc.

1721. Dec. 12th. Told Mr. Creyk I was yet steady, etc. . . . . Cousin Clark gives 1,000*l.* for his shop, etc., and borrows all, I beleive, but 200*l.* or so, of cousin Tom and uncle. He told me of Molly Grainger, but I said I was not for relations, etc. I told Dan Rook I had a ladie's consent but not father and mother's and wanted a blank licence, was worth 4,000*l.*, he said, 'what, at Amington?'—I replied, they will be worth 6,000*l.*

1721. Dec. 14th. 'Mr. Repington would only give Mrs. B. 1,000*l.* 'at first. N. cried and spoke to her father that she desired no more 'than her sister.' . . . .

1721. Dec. 15th. Cousin Clark would gladly have me concert with brother about Mrs. B.—to know if he desists. I dare say he suspects that I have design upon N. and yet I never said any thing, but that people of Tamworth talked so, etc. Sir Richard Pye was expected to court N. but she does not much rely on't. However, if he came, Mrs. N. was to gett so much out of him as to gett cousin Clark into the stamp-office, of which he is one of the Commissioners. Mrs. N. was for having cousin Clark any thing but a bookseller, but if he was one, to be the method he has just now taken, etc. I find Mrs. N. has given him some hopes, etc., or has had thoughts inclining to him. Cousin said Mrs. N. must have a good humoured husband or she'll be unhappy, etc.

1721. Dec. 16th. Sir Christopher Musgrave's letter to Duke of Wharton was to this purpose. 'May it please your grace—Mr. 'Thomlinson, who will wait upon you, is very desirous of showing 'his regard and service to you by being entered into the list of your 'chaplains. His father and he are men of such fortunes and 'characters, that I dare say it will be a great pleasure (or satisfaction) 'to your grace, to have an opportunity of obliging so worthy (or 'deserving) gentlemen. I believe he has no occasion at present for 'it, but if any of your southern livings should be so disposed on as 'to be usefull to him, it would be an encouragement to the young 'gentleman and the greatest favour and obligation to (may it please 'your grace) your grace's, etc.'

<sup>334</sup> Query, have.

1721. Dec. 17th. . . . The City complains or petitions against the Quarantine Act, thinking the king is thereby enabled to draw a line about the town, and then they must starve, in this we follow France, as well as in South-Sea, etc. The Deanry of St. Paul's now in the Crown: Queen Ann sent to 'em to elect Dr. Hare—the pre-bends used to chuse, thô only a few of them had that privilege.

1721. Dec. 18th. Writt to uncle of Whickham. . . .

'I have paid the 20l. towards printing the Arabic Testament to Mr. Henry Hoare, to whom we were directed by bishop of London. 'My uncle was so kind as to go along with me to his lordship, but 'we had no reason to conceive any great hopes of any thing from 'him. He, indeed, asked me if I had any preferment, and when I 'told him I had not, and expected to hear more upon the head, he 'turned the discourse to something else.' . . . .

1721. Dec. 22nd: Mr. Ray getts but 100l. by uncle's death,<sup>335</sup> which they said would be two. Bishop of London said Mr. Sharp was a melancholy man, and his freinds were against his living at Rothbury. Malin Soresby gott into the Bubbles,<sup>336</sup> and has ruined himself—abscondes, etc. Cousin Clark said he would write to Mrs. A. Repington, and added, joaking—and ask her if she wants a husband, etc.

1721. Dec. 23rd. Writt on the 18th to Mrs. Eliz. Repington. 'Dear sister . . . I was last week at Mrs. Vivian's and delivered the 'money and pattern of silk, and she intended to send it by the 'carrier as upon this day. I think my mind was absent from me ' (you know it is usual with men in my case) for I could not easily 'recollect whether the money was for the silk you sent for, or some 'gott before. But if you knew how much my thoughts are engaged, 'you would pardon me.' . . . .

1721. Dec. 26th. Writt to mother also on 20th. 'I have been 'long upon my journey to London because I called and staid at 'Howley, where my aunt of Whickham's mother lives, and where 'my brother is courting . . . . My uncle wonders what brother 'Rob<sup>337</sup> means by thinking of being a custom-house officer—he says 'he must necessarily neglect his trade, which is better, or else it's 'hard—he does not like such rambling heads.'

1721. Dec. 28th. Writt then to Mr. Salt, . . . . 'I hope to 'have a living shortly about 2 or 3 days journey from here, so desire 'you'll keep those 50 books for me, uncle has seized most of the 'rest. Father will not like K. Tod, so am courting in Warwick- 'shire, etc. Writt to Mrs. Moor and Arch. Douglas, that they would 'dispose of houshold goods, but first give uncle an account what 'they could have for 'em.'

<sup>335</sup> The Diarist's uncle, Robert Thomlinson, D.D., married Martha, daughter of John Ray of Gomersal, and aunt of John Ray, vicar of Warden.

<sup>336</sup> The South Sea Bubble. Mr. Malin Sorsby was probably a son of Malin Sorsby, rector of Ryton, 1679-1706.

<sup>337</sup> The Diarist's brother, Richard Thomlinson, was at this time engaged to, and afterwards married, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Repington of Almington.

1721. Dec. 29th. Writt to namesake. . . . . 'I staid long in Warwickshire, and then went to uncle's country seat, where I staid some time to refresh. . . . . service to Mr. Horsley, Mr. Brown, Dunlap, etc.'

1721. Dec. 31st. . . . . Waited on duke of Wharton on 22nd. He would do his endeavour for me, and I must go another time—but this is no answer about being chaplain. Went to Parliament House, methought Mr. Lawson was somewhat cold—however, not so complaisant as usual, etc. I told him I was saying to father, that I wished some would give me a scarf, etc., and what does father but ask Sir Christopher—Mr. Lawson bid me ply of the duke till he did it, etc. Mr. Rook says his brother at Trinity College spends 20*l.* per quarter. . . . .

1721/2. Jan. 1st. As for the living of Broomfeild I do not beleive this bishop would give me it, if I would have it, but I shall consult my uncle, etc. My uncle will give me his living, if I will reside at it,—not but I can come down every summer—I would chuse to do so for my health's sake. It is a very cheap country, my uncle says, being near the sea. . . . .

1721/2. Jan. 5th. Uncle said alderman Ridley is scandalously bare of money, etc. He says brother taking a warehouse will scarce bear, etc.—he does not furnish 'em with all they should have, they could sell more than they have. . . . .

1721/2. Jan. 12th. . . . . The doctor of Whickham, his salary withdrawn. Ridley, etc., told Mr. Dalston<sup>338</sup> to come and petition for some money as reward for his services in rebellion, when he was mayor, and if he would vote against uncle, they would procure him some; he did, and then Ridley laughed at him, and said he did not come in good dress enough, before that body, etc. Mr. Ellison told him, before all the common council, that Dalston was bribed to come thither to vote, etc., but he should not have a farthing, nay, he would make him give an account how the 500*l.* was laid out in his mayoralty, which was never yet accounted for. Chilton's withdrawn too, etc.

1721/2. Jan. 13th. The doctor would persuade father to settle Carrow on my brother Richard. He told N. so—she replied, no, they would rather be without it, it would moth the rest. I said uncle was a proud, bouncing, etc., he divided with me to farthing in our executorship—he would not have eldest have all. . . . .

1721/2. Jan. 10th. N.<sup>339</sup> advised to write to sister not to her, till her father consented, and then you're welcome—and to send father's proposal to sister to deliver to Mr. Repington. . . . . I asked N. what she would say to father when he spoke to her—he said, she would say I was good humoured, etc., and it would soon kill her if she had a husband that was not so, and she liked me very well, if he did. N. lay in my bosom the night before I came. . . . .

<sup>338</sup> Henry Dalston, sheriff of Newcastle, 1709, alderman 1712, mayor 1715. Died in 1724.

<sup>339</sup> The roving affection of the Diarist seems to have set, for the moment, to 'N' (= 'Mrs. A' = Nancy) who was probably another daughter of Edward Repington of Almington.

1721/2. Jan. 21st. N. seemed complying—‘I will,’ she said in the coach, when going to Mr. Burdett’s—and now, ‘I do not know, but I may.’ Asked Mr. Repington if I might address N. . . . . She wished me good luck when I went down to speak to her father.

1721/2. Jan. 23rd. . . . . N. said she would pray for me, if that would do me any good—I said, ‘yes, certainly, my dear.’ . . . ‘If your father’ (said I to N.) ‘must or will write to some in our country to enquire of father’s, etc., estate and character—direct him to Mr. Lawson, parliament man, that’s the readiest way, and I would be expeditious, I hate delays in this—I believe he does not like me because he thinks I shall not live in Cumberland, and keep up the interest for him, which my father has, but, however, I think he’ll speak truth, and that is the way you’ll soonest know, etc.’

1721/2. Feb. 2nd. Told Thomas Grainger I had one I liked better than I did Al. Ord, but would never tell, he would see it soon—then fearing least he should guess N. Repington, I said a freind of his was speaking for me, having in view then Mrs. Nixon at Lincoln. . . . .

1721/2. Feb. 3rd. Sent *Political State of Great Britain*, Massey’s Sermons and the *Advantages of Hannoverian Succession*, etc., to Mr. Repington and two of Massey’s sermons to brother Richard—to send one to Mr. Brown and Curry, and the other to Mr. Salkeld and freinds, when he had read it himself, if the doctor had it—if not, give him it. Remorse for sin, spending Sabbath in tavern, etc. This day, much dejected and apprehensive of I know not what. . . . .

1721/2. Feb. 4th. . . . . Land in Norfolk worth about 12*l.* an acre, and this at Navestock worth 30*l.* A family of Thomlinson’s at Onger—a family of the name in Middlesex—my uncle says that our family came from near Whitby in Yorkshire. Writt to Mr. Lord—that ‘I could not be positive I should be here next Sunday, ‘if I came, would supply—but next after I design (as you desire) to officiate, if nothing extraordinary intervenes, of which (if there does) shall give you timely notice.’ . . . . .

1721/2. Feb. 6th. Writt to father—. . . ‘Mr. Nicholson has no design of resigning Broomfeild till he can have a better, or as good and great a rectory—I’ll take care to apply to the bishop, when any thing falls that Mr. Nicholson will accept. I’ve been to wait on the bishop and uncle with me—and in the mean time, shall see if bishop of Carlisle would consent to such a change: I would not much have questioned it, but because his son and I are not cordial—we had some angry words and reflections once about Dr Tod’s daughter: but I would not have this known. . . . . Have paid my respects to N. and desire your approbation. The doctor and brother putt me first upon it, and this uncle (tho he’s cautious of advising about any thing) yet says it is fitt match for one that had an estate. She’s a lady of as much piety, prudence, beauty and good-temper as is possible to meet with in one person. She has 1,000*l.* in hand, and half 400*l.* per annum, or near it, at father’s

'death, and he is old. Thô she's of a very good family, yet frugal and the most laborious—has materials for a room, that is, hangings, bed, window curtains and a dozen chairs, all of her own work, like tapestry, and many other peices. I'm satisfied I shall never meet with such another, and therefore if I be disappointed here, I shall despair of ever having any success in these affairs. They are related to my lord Chesterfeild and other good families, but that would be an inconvenience, only I shall not live among her relations, for she'll live any where, if air agrees with her. Now you have seen what she is and what may be expected, etc., I desire to know what you'll do for me. I hope you design I should have the estate, if I live longer than you, and that Carrow should descend to me, if uncle has no issue. Now in the ladie's settlement there is a particular account of closes and acres in each close, and I desire you to take the same method—and what land is worth an acre. I beg you'd do these as speedily as, etc., for there is some danger of losing her. And I desire you would be kind, because I've it so much at heart. I desire likewise to know what you'll allow us at present. I'm far from desiring to straighten you in circumstances, but I desire you would be generous, least her father take exception. If I succeed, perhaps we may come to live at Blencogo.' . . . .

1721/2. Feb. 7th. Writt to brother William—'Think it will be a match between brother, etc., and I shall gain the elder if he succeed and father will settle well. . . . . I hear my sister is come to Carlisle—love to her, and wishes for both your prosperity. I've both a living and wife in view, but at a little distance yet. Have not seen your brother, but when I do shall make your apology. He has published another book. Uncle sends his blessing, etc. My service to Mr. Mayor, cousin James, etc.'

Feb. 10th. To Mr. Brown. . . . . 'I spoke to one of the stewarts of Society of Clergy-sons, and none Scott, etc., can be admitted as pensioner, unless her husband has been minister or curate in England. I sent you Massey's sermon—the court threatned him before it was printed, but now are silent—it comes by sea to brother Richard.' . . . .

To my mother. 'I have writt to father for his consent to a lady, etc. . . . . Pray dear mother persuade him to be generous, and do handsome things for me. . . . . Try if father will not tell you what I've writt, before you take any notice to him.'

1721/2. Feb. 14th. Went to see New River head—i.e., the River Ware, new channell cutt for it near 160 miles, formerly a wind mill, but that blown down, now there's horses turn a wheel that raises the water to new pond for Hanover Square, etc. . . . .

1721/2. Feb. 19th. . . . . Uncle does not approve of bishop of Durham's<sup>340</sup> daughter, 'a vile whig, and they are bred high.' . . . .

1721/2. Feb. 20th. The Heralds' Office burnt down—so more coat of arms in other hands than there, etc. Uncle seems glad to find things wrong, and says it is an imposing upon us not to send

<sup>340</sup> Dr. Talbot, bishop of Durham.

all the writings, etc. Cousin Tom's wife would have me have cousin Polly. . . . .

1721/2. Feb. 28th. [To N. . . . .] 'If you would not think 'me vain, I would tell you what my father proposes, to induce me 'to go and live with him. He has been in the Commission of Peace for 'many years, but would never act,—he has been once more pressed 'to act, but declined it as usual, but said that he had a son which 'would come down shortly, and if he would, he might. But no bait 'shall catch me, but my dearest lady—I'm all hers, heart, estate, etc.'

1721/2. March 8th. Writt to father. Had received his kind letter, for which returned most hearty thanks. Most people say that even according to a Smithfeild bargain for 1,000*l.*, she ought to have 100*l.* per annum joynture. As for the rest we shall decide when we meet, I shall be willing to submitt to any thing reasonable, and that can be expected. If I succeed I shall have the eldest daughter and brother the younger. . . . .

1721/2. March 9th. Writt to uncle last Sunday, that the duke had putt me of till Monday—am almost out of patience, but will try once more—'would have followed you, but fear the duke will be gone 'ere Wednesday,' etc. . . . .

1721/2. March 13th. Writt to Sir Christopher Musgrave—(re-lating to his recommendatory letter to the duke of Wharton—has had no success) 'I went often, but always found him abroad or busy, 'and desired I would come another time. The next day it was the 'same.' . . . . 'Some of my freinds did not approve of it, because 'they say his grace has changed sides. But out of respect to you 'sir) I was resolved to pursue it so far as that no blame should 'remain upon me. I had another motive, which I thought to have 'kept secret, but shall acquaint you with, and that was the 'ambition or desire of my mistress (for I have gott one south of 'Cumberland) that I should wear a scarfe. I dare scarce presume 'to ask you, but if you would please to procure me that favour (I 'desire only verbal leave to wear one) from any nobleman, you 'would lay a lasting obligation upon sir, etc. My uncle thinks there 'is no necessity for my coming down upon this election, since I have 'no vote—but if I thought I could do you any service, nothing should 'hinder my journey.' . . . .

1721/2. March 17th. . . . . I went to make enquiry about bishop of Durham's daughter, and uncle said, somewhat angrily, 'what, would you have any of that vile whig's daughters,' etc., so I proceeded no farther. . . . .

1721/2. March 19th. Writt on 17th also to Mr. Fetherston:—was glad he would admitt my excuse—he rightly called courtship a proper exercise for lent, and I wished it would end with that season.—I intended to be there to preach for Charles on April 1st, but could not make an absolute promise. . . . .

1721/2. March 22nd. Mr. Farrington said that Dr. Ellison's library was a collection of excellent books—my uncle's not to be

compared to it—he had all the modern books that ever came out almost, but Dr. Ellison's was ancient, etc. . . . .

1722. March 27th. Told Mrs. B. that [I] 'had proposals from 'the lady of London for a match with a relation, whose name she 'concealed, some guessed her daughter. I'm in great perplexity what 'answer to give; if your father would be so kind as answer mine, I 'should readily answer her—being a lady of distinction, must be civilly 'treated, and therefore would beg your father's answer or leave to 'come and talk over affairs with him—nothing can remove my affection 'for my dear lady, but if your father should reject me, and I also 'disoblige the bishop of London, what will come of me?' . . . .

1722. March 30. . . . . Writt to brother . . . —had received proposals for a match from the bishop of London's lady, which uncle thought so advantageous that I am in great perplexity about my lady at Amington. . . . .

1722. March 31st. *Query* whether I am not engaged to Mrs. A. Repington more than by inclination, *i.e.*, because I like her best—I mean it is a *query* whether my words may not have engaged me—I cannot well recollect—only the letter to Mr. Poynton, now in his hands, which she never saw. Uncle told bishop's lady that if his lordship would give me a living, for he wanted to see me settled, and he believed I would make a good parish preist, he would give bond to oblige a freind of my lord's when his fell vacant, etc. The lady said his lordship had so many upon him for livings, that he knew not what to do—his chaplain had gott nothing yet, etc. This lady's living is about 3 miles from Leicester, 300*l.* per annum, and she has 1,200*l.*, and other sisters may die. 300*l.* per annum is equivalent to 900*l.* So that the lady of Amington is better fortune, if they have the estate, etc. . . . .

172... June 24th. Writt to Mr. Clennell. 'I beg pardon for not seeing you before I left London. . . . . I'm married,<sup>341</sup> and go 'next Monday in the North, your letter will find me at Mr. Proctor 'Robertson's, merchant in Carlisle, any time before the 14th of July, 'after that I'll be at Newcastle till the better end of July, and then at 'Braunston, near Leicester, where you shall be welcome,' etc. . . . .

172... July 12th. . . . . To Kitty from Mansfeild. 'I told 'brother that I might have Sir Jeffery Palmer's living, but I had 'almost promised uncle, that I would never take two,' etc. . . . .

172 . July 24th. Father said brother could better afford to live high than me, when he had gott a better fortune than I—this, when I told him I was sure Mrs. Betty R. would expect to live higher than my wife—this is upbraiding,—talked of Dr. Fleming's daughter, etc. Told father that 'uncle, the doctor, said he would persuade you 'to settle Carrow on brother, and Mrs. Ann said we've had enough 'of that in our family, if there be an elder brother, it is his right, 'and pray lett us have nothing to do with it.'

<sup>341</sup> The Diarist's bride was Catherine, daughter of James Winstanley of Braunston, Leicestershire, through which connection he obtained the rectory of Glenfield.

## GYLL OF BARTON.\*

THOMAS GYLL of Barton, was 34 years of age, 6th September, 1666. — Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Smithson of Barton.

Christopher, died in in- fancy be- fore 6th September 1666.	Thomas Gyll = Alice, daughter of Barton, was two years of age, 6th September, 1666.	John, buried at St. Michael le Belfrey, 27th November, 1686.	John, buried at St. Michael le Belfrey, 27th November, 1686.	Elizabeth, died young. Margaret, died young. Florentia, wife of Jonathan Hargrave of Newcastle.
		William, <i>ob. s.p.</i> Wandesford Gyll of Furnival's Inn, died 1712; buried at St. Andrew's, Holborn, <i>s.p.</i>		Anne, wife of John Thompson, vicar of Gilling, married 9th September, 1708 ( <i>Kirk-Merrington Registers</i> ). Jane.

Thomas Gyll of Barton and of Durham, educated at Richmond in Yorkshire and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge; admitted to Lincoln's Inn, 24th January, 1718/9; solicitor general of the palatinate of Durham, 1733; recorder of the city of Durham, 1767; died 12th March, 1780, aged 79 *s.p.*; buried at Barton, North Riding, Yorks; will dated 5th August, 1779.

Anne, wife of Francis Hartley of Middleton Tyas, died 2nd August, 1778,  
aged 81; buried at Middleton.  
Jane, wife of Thomas Buckton of Dalton Gales, died at that place, 8th  
June, 1762; her husband died on the 11th October following.  
Elizabeth, died unmarried, 1st June, 1755.  
Mary.  
Alice, wife of Ralph Hobson of Kneeton, died at that place, 13th  
February, 1768; buried in the church of Middleton.

\* Based on a pedigree in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 338, with additions.

1631. Aug. 31. Mr. Thomas Gill (*ulgo dicatus de Barton*) buried. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow, Durham.*

## THE DIARY OF THOMAS GYLL.

## INTRODUCTION.

Thomas Gyll, the writer of the following diary,<sup>1</sup> was the only son of Thomas Gyll, who possessed a patrimonial estate at Barton in the North Riding of Yorkshire. He was born at Barton in 1700, educated at Richmond School, and at Trinity Hall Cambridge, entered at Lincoln's Inn 24 January, 1718/9, called to the bar in 1725, where he practised with ability and integrity. He was appointed solicitor-general of the County Palatine of Durham in 1733, and recorder of the city of Durham in the year 1769. He is stated to have been tall and erect in person and to have had regular and handsome features. He devoted much of his leisure to history and archaeology, and had developed tastes for the fine arts. He died unmarried at Durham, where he had long resided, on Sunday, the 12 March, 1780, and was buried at Barton.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> It is not known whether the original diary is in existence, but a transcript was made for the Society by the late Canon Raine, who added the few notes indicated by his name.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 18th March, 1780. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. i. p. 587. A pedigree of Gyll of Barton may be found in Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii. p. 260.

## THE DIARY.

1748. Friday, Feb. 24. The lady of George Bowes, esq., one of the knights of the shire for the county of Durham, was brought to bed of a daughter at his house in London. She was the only daughter of Thomas Gilbert, a merchant in London, and this was her first child after a marriage of six or seven years. [Married in 1767 to Lord Strathmore, afterwards to Andrew Robinson.]<sup>3</sup>

1748. March 23. The wife of Robert Spearman of Oldacres, near Sedgefield, esq., who died the last week at his house in Old Elvet, having lingered of a palsy, was this day buried with great funeral pomp in Bow church in Durham.<sup>4</sup>

And the same day old Henry Pratt,<sup>5</sup> the bell-ringer, was buried at St. Mary's, South Bailey, aged near 90. He had formerly been coachman to Dean Comber.

1748. May 9. Sir Ralph Milbank of Halnaby in Yorkshire, baronet, died at London in the 60th year of his age, and was some short time after buried with much funeral pomp in the family vault of Croft church. He left six sons by Ann, his wife, daughter of Edward Delaval of Dissington in Northumberland, esq.; and one daughter, Bridget, by his first wife, Elizabeth, sister to Robert, earl of Holderness, whose daughter was first married to Sir Butler Wentworth, baronet, and secondly to John Murray, esq., of the Isle of Man.<sup>6</sup>

1748. My aunt, Elizabeth Hunter, died in the bishop of Oxford's house in the College, Durham, in the 80th year of her age, on the 10th of May. She was a good woman. Buried at the west end of the Abbey-yard.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>3</sup> An account of Lady Strathmore's unhappy life with her second husband, Andrew Stoney Robinson, may be found in Howitt, *Visits to Remarkable Places*, 2nd ser. pp. 198-230.

<sup>4</sup> She was Mr. Robert Spearman's first wife, her maiden name was Mary Lewen and she died on the 18th March, 1748/9, aged 42, and was buried at St. Mary le Bow, Durham. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. i. p. 96.

<sup>5</sup> 23 March. 1748, Henry Pratt, aged 88, buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham*.

<sup>6</sup> The Milbanks are first found in local history settled at Tynemouth and at North Shields. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. viii. pp. 326, 327.

<sup>7</sup> 1748. May 11. Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*. Miss Hunter was the second daughter of Thomas Hunter of Medomsley by his first wife Elizabeth daughter of John Gyll of Haughton-le-Skerne, and she was half-sister to Dr. Christopher Hunter, the antiquary. The following inscription on a tombstone, a conspicuous object at the west end of the cathedral graveyard, has recently been recut:—'Here lieth the body | of Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter born | at Medumsley, who dyed May 10 | 1748 | in the 80th year of her age.' Her will, dated 9th June, 1746, was proved 1748.

1748. May 11. Sir James Clavering, baronet, died at his seat called White-house in the 73rd year of his age and was buried at Lanchester the Munday (*sic*) following, May 16. He left three sons, but was *inexorabilis, acer*.<sup>8</sup>

1748. Thursday, May 19. William Bacon, esq., of Newton Cap, near Bishop Auckland, died.<sup>9</sup>

1748. Sept. Thomas Davison, esq., Blakiston, died in the North Bailey in Durham, in the house of his sister, Atkinson, and was buried at Norton. He left two sons, Thomas and William a clergyman.<sup>10</sup>

1749. March 27, Easter Monday. Died Mrs. Davison, wife of Mr. Edward Davison, the butcher, and mother of Mr. Robert Davison, curate of Croxdale and minor canon.<sup>11</sup>

About a week before died at Hemsley, Mrs. Ann Reed, the sister of Tommy Reed, the apothecary.

1749. April 6. Miss Dolly Lascelles was married at Witton Gilbert by Abraham Gregory to Mr. John Fenwick, the younger son of the late John Fenwick of Bywell, esq.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The head of the second, or Protestant line, of this very ancient family.

<sup>9</sup> Last Thursday morning died, much lamented, Sir James Clavering, bart., at White-house, near this place, in the 73rd year of his age. He is succeeded in his title and estate by his eldest son, now Sir Thomas Clavering, bart. *Newcastle Courant*, 14th May, 1748.

<sup>10</sup> On Monday evening the corpse of Sir James Clavering, bart., was interred with great solemnity in the family vault at Lanc[h]ester. His pall was supported by the following gentlemen, viz., Sir Hedworth Williamson, bart., William Fenwick, Matthew Ridley, Morton Davison, William Bonner, William Bigge, John Simpson and Gawen Aynsley, esquires.' *Ibid.*, 21st May, 1748.

<sup>11</sup> 'On Monday the corpse of William Bacon, esq., of Newton Cap (who died Friday the 20th) was interred at South Church, near St. Andrew Auckland, in the county of Durham, with great funeral pomp.' *Newcastle Courant*, 28 May, 1748. His will dated 14 December, 1743, was proved at York on the 15th November, 1748. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

By his marriage with Margaret, daughter and, in her issue, heir of Thomas Forster of Adderston, the large estates of that family were bought into the family of Bacon, which had already attained great wealth by working the lead mines of Allendale. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vi. p. 235.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Thomas Davison of Blakiston, in the parish of Norton, was the eldest son of John Davison, of that place, by his marriage with Mary, only daughter and heir of Sir Richard Musgrave of Eden Hall, bart. He died on the 9th September, 1748, aged 66. There is a monumental inscription to his memory in Norton church. His son and heir, Thomas Davison, was the issue of his first marriage, while William Davison, afterwards rector of Scruton, Yorkshire, was the offspring of the second wife. His sister, mentioned in the text, was Margaret, wife of William Hart Atkinson, sometime mayor of Stockton. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 166.

<sup>11</sup> Robert Davison, son of Edward Davison, of Durham, was admitted to Lincoln College, Oxford, 26th February, 1728/9, aged 16; B.A., 1732; M.A., 1735.

<sup>12</sup> 1749. 6 April. John Fenwick, of Bywell St. Andrew, and Dorothy Lascelles, of St. Mary, North Bailey, married. *Witton Gilbert Registers.*

She was the daughter of William Lascelles, gent., of Mount Grace, by Alice Woodmass his wife, and was baptized at St. Mary le Bow, Durham, 22nd

A report prevailed about this time that Doctor Leslie,<sup>13</sup> rector of Sedgefield, who formerly had been an Irish papist, had the funeral service performed in private by a popish priest in his own house over a child of his own that lately died of feaver and sore throat, and that the body was afterwards, in a morning, put into the grave by a popish servant of the doctor's without any ceremony. Strange, if true!

1749. Some time in the beginning of this year Dr. Hunter of Durham, sold his library of books, consisting of some hundreds of volumes, to John Richardson, bookseller in Durham, for 350*l.* or thereabouts. Cheap.<sup>14</sup>

1749. April 30. Died Mary Poison, widow, at her house in the North Bailey, Durham, in a very advanced age.<sup>14a</sup> She was a refugee of French extraction, near Bourdeaux. Her maiden name was Huet, and of the same family with the famous Huet, bishop of Avranches. She kept for many years a carding assembly at her house.

1749. May 3. The hon. Henry Vane, esq., of Raby Castle, being appointed one of the Lords of the Treasury, was re-chosen a representative for the county of Durham without opposition.

1749. May. In the night between the 8th and 9th of this month died Elianor Wilson (formerly Macham), widow of Henry Wilson, of Newbottle. Her fortune, between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.*, being personal and settled by her husband in his life, upon her death came to her (*sic*) brothers Chilton Wilson, George, and his sister Eliza Wilson.<sup>15</sup>

1749. May. Some time in the beginning of this month died the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, vicar of Stainton,<sup>16</sup> the patronage of which living in the Crown, and was succeeded therein by the Rev. Mr. John Emmerson, rector of Middleton-in-Teasdale.

1749. May 27. George Baker of Elemor hall, esq., great nephew of the learned Mr. Thomas Baker of St. John's college, Cambridge,

April, 1720. John Fenwick was the second son of John Fenwick, of Stanton and Brinkburn, by his marriage with Margaret, daughter and coheir of William Fenwick, of Bywell. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vi. p. 99.

<sup>13</sup> Rev. James Lesley, an Irishman, married a niece of Dr. Chandler, bishop of Durham, and thus obtained much preferment in the diocese of Durham. He was rector of Wolsingham, 1741-1747; rector of Sedgefield, 1747; prebendary of the eighth stall in Durham Cathedral, 1743; bishop of Limerick, 1755.

<sup>14</sup> This was Christopher Hunter, M.D., the distinguished antiquary. See p. 201 *post.*

<sup>14a</sup> 1749. May 1. Mary Poison, widow, buried. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow.*

<sup>15</sup> 1749. May 11. Mrs. Wilson, buried. *St. Margaret's Registers*, Durham.

<sup>16</sup> Here lieth the body of the Reverend Thomas Nicholson, rector of Great Stainton, otherwise Stainton in the Street, who departed this life May the 13th, Anno Dom. 1749, aged 87. M.I. Stainton Chancel. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 171. He was admitted to Christ Church, Oxford, 29th November, 1682, as son of Guilbert Nicholson, of Poulton, co. Lancaster, being then 20 years of age: B.A., 1683; M.A., 1685. He provided some small endowment for a school at Stainton. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 172.

was married at Dinsdale to Miss Judith Routh, eldest of the four daughters of Cuthbert Routh of Dinsdale, by Judith, his wife, a daughter of Sir Mark Milbank of Halnaby in Yorkshire.<sup>17</sup>

1749. June 21. This morning died at her father's house at Bishop Auckland, Miss Sally Hodshon, of a lingering illnesse. She was a genteel, handsome woman, and one of very good sense and a cheerful temper.

1749. June 29-30. In the night between Thursday, 29th, and Friday, 30th June, died in Elvett Mr. John Hutchinson, who had lately reconciled himself to the errors of the Church of Rome and was buried in Crosgate church about 12 a clock at night without any bearers or ceremony performed at the grave, pursuant to his own direction. Little was got or lost by changing sides.<sup>19</sup>

1749. July 2. This evening died at the house of his nephew at Eppleton, Ra. Gowland, gent., attorney-at-law, of a palsey which had seized him some weeks before on Whitsun-Monday, and was buried in St. Nicholas' church on Thursday.<sup>20</sup>

1749. July 11. Died John Aisley, bookseller and alderman of Durham, of an inflammation on his lungs after a short illness.<sup>21</sup>

1749. August 1. William Hutchinson of Barnard Castle, esq., died. Very rich.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>17</sup> 1749. May 27. George Baker, esq., and Miss Judith Routh, married. *Dinsdale Registers*.

Last Monday, was married, George Baker, of Elemore hall, near Durham, esq., to Miss Judith Routh, daughter of Cuthbert Routh, of Snape hall, near Richmond, in Yorkshire, esq., a beautiful young lady with a handsome fortune. *Newcastle Courant*, 3rd June, 1749.

The four daughters of Cuthbert Routh (who died 27th April, 1752, aged 58), were Judith, wife of George Baker, of Elemore; Elizabeth, wife of James Bland, of Hurworth; Jane, wife of John Drake Bainbridge, of Durham, and Dorothy, wife of Francis Chapeau, captain 13th regiment. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 145. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iii. pp. 233, 240, 256.

<sup>19</sup> 1749. July. Mr. John Hutchinson, buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*. The only son of John Hutchinson, mayor of Durham in 1714, he was baptized 30th September, 1708, and married Isabel, daughter of Christopher Richmond of Highhead castle, Cumberland, by whom he had issue. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. p. 155.

<sup>20</sup> 1749. July 6. Mr. Ralph Gowland, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*. This week, died at Durham, Mr. Ralph Gowland, a very eminent attorney-at-law, who behaved in that profession with the strictest honour and probity. *Newcastle Courant*, 8th July, 1749.

<sup>21</sup> 1749. July 13. Mr. John Aisley, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*. Early yesterday morning, died at Durham, after two days' illness, Mr. John Aisley, an alderman of that city and a considerable bookseller. *Newcastle Courant*, 12th July, 1749.

<sup>22</sup> On Tuesday last, died at Barnard Castle, William Hutchinson, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 5th August, 1749.

1749, Aug. 5. William Hutchinson, esq., buried. *Middleton-in-Teasdale Registers*.

18 July, 1749. Will of William Hutchinson of Barnard Castle. To be privately buried in the chancell of Egleston; after laying one night in the

1749. August 13. Lady Williamson, wife of Sir Hedworth Williamson, high sheriff of the county of Durham, delivered of a son at Whitburn, being her first child.<sup>23</sup>

And the latter end of July, John Tempest, esq.,<sup>24</sup> one of the representatives of the city, was universally chosen an alderman in the room of Mr. Aisley.

1749. August 12. Died at the house of George Baker, esq., at Chester, where he was upon a visit, in the flower of his age, of an inflammatory fever, James Davison, the youngest son of the late Dr. Davison.<sup>25</sup>

1749. August 17. Mr. Bland of Hurworth, married Miss Betty Routh, second daughter of Cuthbert Routh, esq., of Dinsdale.<sup>26</sup>

1749. August 30. Died at Kirk Merrington, Timothy Wrangham, one of the proctors in the Spiritual Court of Durham. He was a tall, lathy person and remarkable for that he never wore a waistcoat.<sup>27</sup>

1749. Between 22 and 23 September, died at Gilling, near Richmond, the Rev. Benjamin Crow, vicar of Gilling, unmarried, of a lingering illness, brother of Christopher Crow of Kipling, of the [line] of Ashington in Northumberland. He went as tutor to Sir Hugh Smithson and Mr. Turner's son on their travells. Sir Hugh Smithson allowed him 50l. a year after he returned.<sup>28</sup>

1749. Oct. 10. Mr. Hendry Hopper, attorney-at-law,<sup>29</sup> aged about 64, was married at Croxdale to Miss Elizabeth Davison, the

great hall of my house at Egleston ; and a decent marble monument to be placed in the said chancell by my trustees . . . I give my manor of Egleston, my lease of Ricknall grange, my lands at Ingleton and Staindrop, Ryton, Brough and Hill-beck, to my nephew, William Hutchinson, eldest son of my dear brother, George Hutchinson, late of London, merchant, deceased, when 21. To Timothy Hutchinson, second son of my said brother, my lands at Barnard Castle, Startforth, Bowes and Lartington. George Hutchinson, third, and Peter Morley Hutchinson, fourth son of my said brother, etc., etc. Proved at York, 6th September, 1749. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>23</sup> 1749. September 20. William Huddleston Williamson, son of sir Hedworth Williamson and Dame Elizabeth, born August the thirteenth, baptized Sept. the 20, 1749. *Whitburn Registers.*

<sup>24</sup> Mr. John Tempest, of Sherburn and of Old Durham ; M.P. for the city of Durham, 1741, 1747, 1754, 1761 ; died 12th May, 1776, aged 66. Cf. *Surtees, Durham*, vol. iv. p. 93.

<sup>25</sup> 1722. May 5. James, son of Dr. Thomas Davison, born and baptized privately and received in church 29th May. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>26</sup> 1749. August 17. James Bland, esq., and Miss Betty Routh married. *Dinsdale Registers.*

'Broken with the loss of a beloved son, and labouring under a like disease,' James Bland died on the 28th March, 1770, aged 45. M. I. Hurworth.

<sup>27</sup> 1736. March 27. Eleanor, wife of Mr. Timothy Wrangham, of Merrington, was buried. *Kirk Merrington Registers.*

<sup>28</sup> 1749. Sept. 1. Mr. Tim Wrangham, a proctor in the court at Durham, buried. *Ibid.*

<sup>29</sup> Benjamin Crow, son of Patrick Crow, of Ashington, Northumberland, gent., of Queen's College, Oxford ; matriculated 10th March, 1706/7, aged 18 ; B.A. 1712 ; M.A. 1713. His father, Patrick, or Patricius Crow, married Anne,

eldest of the two daughters of Mr. Edward Davison, the butcher, in Durham. She was about 30.

1749 [or 1756]. Oct. 16. Jacob Grieve, attorney-at-law, married to Miss Jenny Bowes, second daughter of Thomas Bowes, esq., of Bradley.<sup>31</sup>

1749. Oct. 22. Abraham Taylor,<sup>32</sup> one of the singing men, who had many years kept the Queen's Head inn at the gaol gates, died this day.

1749. Nov. 9. Christopher Crow<sup>33</sup> of Kipling, in Yorkshire, esq.,

daughter of Robert Mitford, of Mitford, and dying on the 31st of January, 1694, he was buried in St. Nicholas' Church, Newcastle. His arms, *gules a chevron or between three cocks argent*, are sculptured on his monument.

<sup>30</sup> Last Tuesday, was married, Mr. Hendry Hopper, an eminent attorney, in Durham, to Miss Betty Davison, daughter of Mr. Edward Davison, of that place, an agreeable young lady. *Newcastle Courant*, 14 October, 1749.

Mr. Hendry Hopper, son of Robert Hopper, the representative of an old family of leaseholders in Shincliffe (by Anne Hendry, his wife, married at St. Oswald's, Durham, 29 September, 1683), was baptized on the 19th December, 1685. He practised as an attorney in Durham and purchased Crook-hall, *circa* 1720, and other property in the neighbourhood. His first wife, Margaret (surname unknown), was buried at St. Oswald's on the 24th May, 1748. Hendry Hopper died, *s.p.*, 2 April 1752, and was buried at St. Oswald's, where his widow was laid beside him on the 20th December, 1793.

<sup>31</sup> Miss Jane Bowes was baptized at Wolsingham on the 14th April, 1725. Her husband was buried at Lanchester on the 26th May, 1760. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv., p. 111.

<sup>32</sup> 1749. Oct. 24. Abraham Taylor, singing man, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

<sup>33</sup> Christopher Crow of Kipling may be identified with the person of that name who was baptized at Bothal on the 22nd of June, 1682, as son of Patrick Crow, of Ashington. He was consul at Leghorn early in the eighteenth century, but having married Charlotte, widow of the fourth Lord Baltimore and daughter of Lord Lichfield, he purchased Kipling, now called Kiplin, from his step-son, the fifth Lord Baltimore. He had (with other) issue two sons and a daughter, viz.: Christopher Crow, of Kipling, who married Barbara, daughter of Thomas Duncombe, of Duncombe, and died *s.p.*; George; and Catherine, wife of Roger Henry Gale, of Scruton. The second son, George Crow, was described as of Long Ditton, Surrey, when he married at St. George's Hanover Square, 23rd March, 1754, Ann Swift of St. Bartholomew, near the Exchange: he died in October, 1782, leaving issue.

There remains in the church of Woodford a monument bearing the following inscription to his memory.

MORTALITATIS HIC SUE EXUVIAS | DEPONERI VOLUIT | NOBILISSIMA DOMINA  
CHARLOTTE LEE | EDWARDI HENRICI COMITIS LITCHFIELDIAE | FILIA NATU  
MAXIMA | BENEDICTI LEONARDI BARONIS DE BALTIMORE | DEINDE | CHRISTOPHORI  
CROWE ARMIGERI | CONJUX | OBIIT XXII JAN. ANNO DOMINI MDCCXX | ATATIS  
SUAE XLII | CHRISTOPHERUS CROWE | DE KIPLIN IN AGRO EBORACensi ARMIGER |  
NEC NON CHARLOTTA CROWE | CHRISTOPHERI ET DOMINAE CHARLOTTE | FILIA  
NATU MINIMA | E VITA MIGRARUNT | ILLE NOV. 9 1749 AT 68 |ILLA AUG. 1 1742  
AT 24 | ET HUIC TUMULO ADDUNTUR.

George Crowe and Ann (Swift) his wife had issue two sons and one daughter, viz., Robert Crowe; George Crowe of Langton, born 1757, married Anne Salvin of Durham, and died *s.p.* in 1801; Barbara, wife first of George Chrisop and second Thomas Groves. The eldest son, Colonel Robert Crowe of

eldest brother to Benjamin Crow of Gilling, died at Kipling after a short illness and was buried at Woodford, in Essex, pursuant to the directions of his will. He left two sons, Christopher and George, and a daughter married to Roger Gale of Scruton, esq.

1749. Nov. 13. Mrs. Liddle, wife of Thomas Liddle, esq., brought to bed of a son at Newton, near Durham.<sup>34</sup>

1749.<sup>35</sup> Nov. 16. Mrs. Lucy Dalston,<sup>36</sup> at Acornbank, died aged 70: sister to Mr. James Cook of Stockton, and mother of John Dalston, esq., member for Westmorland.

1749. Nov. 17. Mr. Elliot, a south countryman, who lodged at the Red Lion in Durham, was married at Witton Gilbert to Miss Suky Thomas, combrusher to Mrs. Cowper, the dean's lady.<sup>37</sup>

1749. Nov. 28. Jenny Adamson, married at Merrington to Mr. Leplas, a surgeon at Bishop Auckland.<sup>38</sup>

1749. Dec. 5. Frank Myddleton married to Miss Grace Smith at the Abby church.<sup>39</sup>

Kiplin, born 1755, died 1808, having married Ann Buckle by whom he had issue an only child Sarah, wife of John Delaval Carpenter, fourth Earl of Tyrconnel. Communicated by the Hon. Mrs. Carpenter of Kiplin.

1740. Sept. 4. Will of Christopher Crow, of Woodford, Essex, esq. I give my half of three messuages in White-chapel, being the Red Lyon Inn, etc., to Willey Reveley, of Newby Wisk, esq., and Christopher Crowe, my eldest son, on trust to sell and pay debts. I have preferred my eldest daughter, Catherine, in marriage with Roger Henry Gale, and here give her only £20. To my daughter, Crowe, £4,000. To my son, George Crowe, £3,000 when 21. My daughter, Charlotte Crowe. To Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Mr. George Wilson, of Workington, and now living in Chapple Street, Westminster, £50 per annum. My manor of Ellerton to the Hon. Cecilius Calvert, esq., and Willey Reveley on trust for my son Christopher and his heirs male. Remainder to my son, George Crowe. Remainder to my daughter, Catherine Gale, and her heirs. Remainder to my daughter, Charlotte Crowe. My body to be interred in my vault in the chancel of the parish church of Woodford. Pr. at York, 15th March, 1749-50. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>34</sup> 1745. Sept. 21. Thomas Lyddell, of Newton, within the chapelry of St. Margaret's, Durham, esq., and Margaret Bowes, of the South Bailey, Durham, spinster, married. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham.*

Last Thursday, the lady of the Hon. Thomas Liddell, of Newton, near Durham, esq., brother to the Right Hon. the Lord Ravensworth, was safely delivered of a son and heir, to the universal joy of that ancient family. *Newcastle Courant*, 18th Nov., 1749.

1750. April 1. George, son of Thomas Liddel, baptized. *Register of St. Nicholas', Durham.*

<sup>35</sup> Doubtful whether 1749 or 1750.—ED.

<sup>36</sup> Cf. pedigree of Dalston of Acorn Bank. Hutchinson, *Cumberland*, vol. ii., p. 447.

<sup>37</sup> 1749. Nov. 17. Thomas Elyott, of the Witton Gilbert, and Susanna Thomas, of the College, Durham, married. *Witton Gilbert Registers.*

<sup>38</sup> 1749. Nov. 28. John Le Pla, of the parish of St. Andrew Auckland, and Jane Adamson of this parish, married. *Kirk Merrington Registers.*

1752. July 19. Mr. John Le Pla, of Bishop Auckland, was buried. *Ibid.*

1768. Jan. 25. Jane Le Pla, of Bishop Auckland, buried. *Ibid.*

<sup>39</sup> 1749. Dec. 5. Francis Middleton and Grace Smith, both of the College in Durham, married. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

Mr. Francis Middleton, of the family of Middleton of Offerton, was son of

1749. Dec. 22. Richard Shuttleworth, esq.<sup>40</sup> of Forcet, died at London and his corps was brought down and buried at Forcet about the 3rd or 4th January.

1749. Dec. 27. Chilton Wilson, A.M., formerly of Peter-house in Cambridge, vicar of St. Giles's in Durham, and of Heighington, died and was buried at Houghton.<sup>41</sup>

1750. Feb. 2. George Parkinson died at Blackwell.<sup>42</sup>

1750. Thursday, Feb. 22. Mr. William Wilkinson, eldest son of Anthony Wilkinson, married at Gateshead to Miss Clennell.<sup>43</sup>

1750. March. In the night between Sunday, the 4th, and Monday, the 5th of March, 1749-50, died of a cold of three days' continuance Thomas (*sic*) Randolph, one of the minor canons, and

Ralph Middleton, clerk, vicar of Bossall, by his marriage with Frances, daughter of Sir George Wheler, prebendary of the second stall in Durham Cathedral. He was of Willington, and dying, *s.p.*, was buried at Durham Cathedral on the 1st August, 1771.

Miss Grace Smith was the eldest daughter of Posthumous Smith, commissary general and Official of the Archdeacon of Durham, of the family of Smith of Burnhall: she was buried at Durham Cathedral on the 22nd March, 1772.

<sup>40</sup> 1749. Dec. 22. Richard Shuttleworth, of Gawthorpe hall, esq., member for Lancashire, which county he represented in eleven Parliaments. *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1749, p. 571.

Pedigrees of the influential family of Shuttleworth of Gawthorpe, Lancashire, and of Forcett, North Riding of Yorkshire, may be found in Whitaker's *History of Whalley*, and Harrison's *History of Yorkshire*, but they are not free from difficulties. Richard Shuttleworth I. was father of Richard Shuttleworth II., who was born at Old Durham on the 13th October, 1666, and was baptized at St. Oswald's on the 17th of the same month. He matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, on the 10th November, 1682, aged 16. He was probably father of Richard Shuttleworth III., who, as 'son of Richard Shuttleworth of Gilling,' matriculated at Christ's College, Oxford, on the 14th March, 1725/6, aged 17. As stated in the text, he died on the 22nd December, 1749, having made his will in the previous month.

1749. Nov. 18. Will of Richard Shuttleworth, of Gawthorpe, esq. To my daughter-in-law, Mary Shuttleworth, and my daughters, Frances Tempest and Elizabeth Crew, £100 each for mourning; and to my son, William Shuttleworth, £100. To my son William, £100 per annum over and above the £200 settled on him. Residue to my son, James Shuttleworth: he executor. Proved at York, 13th Feb., 1749-50. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>41</sup> 1749. Dec. 30. The Rev. Chilton Wilson, of Newbottle, buried. *Houghton-le-Spring Registers*. He was of Peterhouse, Cambridge, B.A. 1721, M.A. 1725, incumbent of St. Giles', Durham, 1739-1749, vicar of Heighington 1727-1749.

<sup>42</sup> The family of Parkinson, or Perkinson, held property in Blackwell, near Darlington, for some generations. Cf. Longstaffe, *Darlington*, pp. 115-116.

<sup>43</sup> Last Thursday morning, William Wilkinson, esq., son of Anthony Wilkinson, esq., one of the Justices of the Peace for the county of Durham, was married by the Rev. Mr. Lamb, at Gateshead, to Miss Clennell, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Clennell, esq.; a beautiful young lady of fine accomplishments, and a fortune of £15,000. After the ceremony the young couple set out for London. *Newcastle Courant*, 24th Feb., 1750.

Miss Philadelphia Clennell was born at West Boldon, and was baptized 26th July, 1725 (*Boldon Registers*). From this match proceed the Wilkinsons of Clennell.

formerly usher of the Grammar School in Durham, and was buried the Thursday following.<sup>44</sup>

About this time Rev. James Worsley, A.M., was presented by William Wharton, esq., to the vicarage of Gilling, in the room of Benjamin Crow, deceased.

1750. March (?) 18 [should be June 18]. Matthew White, esq., of Blagdon in Northumberland, died and was buried in All Saints church in Newcastle.<sup>45</sup>

And about the 13th of this month died Edward Colvile, esq., at Whitehouse, aged 105. He had formerly been a butcher and was father of the countess of Tankerville.<sup>46</sup>

1750. April 8. Dr. Deering, dean of Rippon, died. He was in the house at Feversham and in ye room in which King James the Second was found and brought thither by the rabble, and perhaps was the person of all that company who lived the longest. Dr. Deering was chaplain to Archbishop Sharp and christned the lady (a daughter of the archbishop's) whom he afterwards married.<sup>47</sup>

1750. April 10. The bishop's lady died at London near 80.<sup>48</sup>

1750. April 16. George Mowbray, esq., [died] at Wolsingham, near 90.<sup>49</sup>

<sup>44</sup> There are two errors in the transcript—his name was not *Thomas*, but *William*, who as son of Humphrey Randolph, of Botwnog, Carnarvonshire, was admitted to Christ Church, Oxford, 25th March, 1697, aged 19; B.A. 1705, under master of Durham school 1699.

1749. May 8. The Rev. Mr. Randolph, A.B., rector of this parish for above 44 years, buried. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow, Durham*.

<sup>45</sup> Last Monday night, after a tedious indisposition, Matthew White, esq., of Blagdon, in Northumberland, many years in the commission of the peace for that county, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 23rd June, 1750. He married at All Saints, Newcastle, 21st July, 1719, Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of John Johnson, of Bebside, by whom he had issue. He built the house at Blagdon, now the seat of his descendant and representative, Viscount Ridley.

<sup>46</sup> On Wednesday last, died in the 105th year of his age, very much lamented, Edward Colvil of White-house, esq., father to the Right Hon. the Countess of Tankerville. *Newcastle Courant*, 16th June, 1750.

With other children, who died in childhood, he had issue five daughters, viz.: Susanna, wife of Lionel Allan, of Rotterdam; Anne, wife of William Hanby, of Newcastle; Rosamond, wife of Roger Pearson, of Titlington; Camilla, wife of the second earl of Tankerville; and Jane, wife first of Charles Clark, of Newcastle, and secondly of Robert Fenwick, of Lemington; and also a son, John Colville, of West Boldon, afterwards of White-houise: 'Thursday, at his seat, the White-house, near this town, John Colville, esq., brother to the late countess of Tankerville.' *Newcastle Courant*, 3 Nov., 1781. The latter was married, but left no issue.

<sup>47</sup> Heneage Dering (1665-1750), dean of Ripon, archdeacon of the East Riding of Yorkshire, prebendary of Fridaythorpe, in the cathedral of York, and rector of Skyrningham. *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1750, p. 188. He married 9th June, 1712, Anne, daughter of Dr. Sharp, archbishop of York. An account of the flight of James II. may be found in Macaulay's *History of England*, vol. ii., p. 564.

<sup>48</sup> This was Barbara, the wife of Dr. Chandler, bishop of Durham, and daughter of Sir Humphrey Briggs.

<sup>49</sup> 1750. April. Mr. George Mowbray, buried. *Wolsingham Registers*. Last week, died at Wolsingham, etc., Mr. George Mowbray, aged 89, a

1750. May 5. Mr. Humphrey Hutchinson of Cornforth [died] of a suppression of urine and lethargy.<sup>50</sup>

1750. May 15. Miss Molly Hendry of York married at York to Captain Arnot, a Scotch gentleman. He had a former wife then living.

1750. May 29. John Smith, a young phisition, eldest son of John Smith of Burn-hall, editor of *Bede*, married at Elvet church to the eldest daughter of Nicholas Shuttleworth, esq.<sup>51</sup> (Who in her widowhood eloped with Captain Ferguson, 1757).

1750. June 4. Mr. William Davison, the youngest son of the late Thomas Davison of Blakiston by Mrs. Turner, was married to Miss Kitty Vane, eldest daughter of George Vane, esq., of Long Newton. (Afterwards vicar of Scruton, Yorkshire.)<sup>52</sup>

The wooden screen set up last winter at the inside of the north door of the cathedral was removed for the summer.

The great octangular tower new pointed on all sides, with what was done to it last summer.

The organ in the cathedral was new painted this summer.

1750. June 13. Jack Challoner died at Gisborough.<sup>52a</sup>

1750. July 2. Mrs. Crowl, daughter of John Middleton, formerly of Barforth, com. Ebor, and wife of George Crowle of Hull, a commander in the Navy, died of a feaver caught in a new house at Leatherhead in Surry.<sup>53</sup>

gentleman of a very fair character, who never had the headache, nor complained of sickness till about four days before his death. *Newcastle Journal*, 21st April, 1750.

He was father to Teasdale Mowbray, mentioned p. 219 *post*. Cf. new *Hist. of Northumberland*, vol. vi. p. 364.

<sup>50</sup> 1750. May 6. Mr. Humphrey Hutchinson, of Cornforth, buried. *Bishop Middleham Registers*.

<sup>51</sup> 1750. May 29. Dr. John Smith and Miss Ann Shuttleworth married. *Register of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

The daughter of Nicholas Shuttleworth by his marriage with Elizabeth March; she was born 10th August, and baptized at St. Oswald's on the 8th September, 1730. A pedigree of Smith, of Burnhall, may be found in *Surtees' Durham*, vol. iv. p. 98.

<sup>52</sup> 1750. June 3. The rev. Mr. Davison and Miss Catherine Vane married. *Long Newton Registers*. She had been baptized at the same church on the 2nd Nov., 1725.

Mr. Thomas Davison, of Blakiston, for his second wife, married Theophila, daughter of Charles Turner, of Kirkleatham. Their son William, baptized 7th Feb., 1722/3, was educated at Corpus Christi College, Oxford; matriculated 18th July, 1741; B.A. 1745; M.A. 1748; took orders, and became rector of Scruton, in Yorkshire, 1750.

<sup>52a</sup> At this part of the diary there is some uncertainty whether the year is 1749 or 1750. Ed. Jack Challoner was probably the eighth son of William Challoner of Guisborough. Cf. *Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii. p. 233.

<sup>53</sup> 1706. July 18. Mary, daughter of John Middleton, of Barford, baptized. *Forcett Registers*.

1728/9. Jan. 27. George Crowle, of Kingston-upon-Hull, and Mary

1750. July 8. Bend. Rain's house in Durham robbed of near 300*l.* (as was suspected) by a maid servant and one Ashton, a barber, her sweetheart, *quaere*.<sup>54</sup>

1750. July 9. Mrs. Bland, of Hurworth, brought to bed of a son.<sup>55</sup>

1750. July 20. This morning, about four o'clock, died at his seat at Long Newton, George Vane, esq., a worthy man, and was buried there on Tuesday, 25th.<sup>56</sup>

1750. July 24. This day the news came by the post of ye death of Dr. Edward Chandler, lord bishop of Durham, on Friday, 20th instant, at his house in Grosvenor square, London, aged . . . Very rich. (140,000*l.*)<sup>57</sup>

1750. July 24. The stonework of the spire of Darlington church, which was about six yards in length, at the very summit was greatly shattered by lightning, and several stones fell down, and ye rest of ye spire below ye stonework was split and chasms made in it, that 'tis thought, it must be taken down. The whole of the spire above the

Middleton, spinster, of the Bedern, York, married at York Minster. *Yorkshire Arch. and Top. Journal*, vol. ii. p. 358.

1750. July 2. Wife of George Crowle, esq., of the Navy Office. *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1750, p. 332.

George Crowle represented Kingston-upon-Hull in four Parliaments, 1722, 1727, 1734 and 1741; successively filled the offices of Commissioner to the Victualling Office, Commissioner of the Navy, Commissioner of the Excise, and was consul at Lisbon, where he died in 1754. *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1754, pp. 340, 484. Cf. Walbran's *Gainford*, pp. 37, 109.

<sup>54</sup> 1720. May 1. Bend[lowes], the posthumous son of Bend Rain, of Houghwell, yeoman, baptized. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Cuthbert Heron, of Durham, and sister of Sir Thomas Heron, fifth and last baronet, of the Chipchase family. She was buried in the chancel of Houghton-le-Spring, under a stone with the following inscription: 'Here lies interred the body of Elizabeth Raine, widow, daughter of Cuthbert Heron, of Chipchase, in Northumberland, esq., by his wife, Katherine, daughter of Richard Myddleton, of Offerton, esq.: she died on the 31st day of March, 1789, in the 69th year of her age.'

<sup>55</sup> Mrs. Bland was daughter and co-heir of Cuthbert Routh (p. 173 *supra*). Her son, James Bland, died on the 4th July, 1769. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. iii., p. 154.

<sup>56</sup> Last Saturday, aged 67, George Vane, of Longnewton, Co. Pal. He is succeeded on his estate by his eldest son, Lionel, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 28th July, 1750.

1750. July 25. George Vane, esq., buried. 'Mem.: John Wetherell came from Lionel Vane to ask leave of me yt his father might be buried within the rails of the communion table, James Douglas.' *Long Newton Registers*. His monument in the church of Long Newton states that 'he married Ann Machon, of Durham, by whom he had 4 sons and 4 daughters. He died July 21st, 1750, in the 65th year of his age.'

<sup>57</sup> Dr. Chandler, Bishop of Lichfield, an Irishman, was translated to the see of Durham on the death of Bishop Talbot and was confirmed on the 21st November, 1730. He was author of a work on the *Defence of Christianity from the Prophecies of the Old Testament, &c.* He was buried at Farnham Royal, Bucks. Cf. *Gent.'s Mag.* 1750, p. 332.

bells was about 16 yards. (All was restored to its former condition by a carpenter of the town who drove the stones into their antient situation from a ladder on a scaffold at the top of the steeple.)<sup>58</sup>

1750. July. About 11 o'clock at night between the 24th and 25th a fire broke out in the Close in Newcastle, which burnt down the Bridge-end coffee-house and some other houses before it was extinguished the next day, the 25th. Mr. Bryson, the bookseller, and Henry Eden, merchant, suffered considerably. Mr. Eden had ensured a great deal.<sup>59</sup>

1750. I saw a ball of fire on Sunday evening the 22 July, between 8 and 9 in the evening, in coming from Branepath, of ye bigness of a sky rocket, but without any tail, pass from the north to the south and died away gradually.

1750. August 16. Mrs. Wilkinson, relict of Francis Wilkinson, formerly of Lincoln's Inn, esq., who was born at Monkend, near Croft, died at Barningham in an advanced age. She was first married to Acclom Milbank of Barningham, esq., whom she survived about 46 years. Mark Milbank, her only son living.<sup>60</sup>

Sir Hedworth Williamson appointed High Sheriff by the Lords of the Regency.<sup>61</sup>

1750. Sept. 1. Died Mrs. Eliz. Bedford, second wife of Dr. John Bedford, in child-bed. She was second daughter of Posthumous Smith of Durham.<sup>62</sup>

<sup>58</sup> This cobbling was not successful, and in 1752 fifteen yards of the spire had to be taken down and rebuilt. This was done by Robert Nelson of Melsonby, stone-cutter, and Robert Corney of Coatham, carpenter. Cf. Longstaffe, *Darlington*, p. 218.

<sup>59</sup> Martin Bryson carried on the business of a bookseller in Newcastle from about 1724 to 1751. Cf. *Arch. Ael.* 3rd series, vol. iii. p. 128. Further particulars of this fire may be found in Richardson's *Local Historian's Table-book*, vol. ii. p. 32.

<sup>60</sup> Anne, daughter of Timothy Davison, alderman of Newcastle, and the first of his line at Beamish, was baptized on the 29th December, 1678, and married on the 31st October, 1693, to Acclome Milbanke of Barningham, who died circa 1704. Her second husband was admitted to Lincoln's Inn on the 25th April, 1699, as Francis Wilkinson of Middlesex, esq., but this marriage is unnoticed in the pedigree of Davison of Beamish. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 227.

<sup>61</sup> Sir Hedworth Williamson of Whitburn, fifth baronet.

<sup>62</sup> Mr. Posthumus Smith, the youngest son of William Smith, rector of Lowther, was baptized on the 27th January, 1676, and having married on the 28th November, 1710 (*Houghton-le-Spring Registers*), Mary, daughter of Sir George Wheler, rector of Houghton-le-Spring and prebendary of the second stall in Durham Cathedral, was admitted into the charmed circle of ecclesiastical influence at Durham. He was official and commissary general of the Archdeacon of Northumberland, Registrar to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and purchased a moiety of Burnhall in 1715 from Simon Peacock. Dying on the 5th October, 1725, he was buried in the Nine Altars in Durham Cathedral where his wife had been buried on the 12th of October, 1720. He left issue one surviving son, John Smith, born 1717, died 1744, and three daughters, viz., Grace, wife of Francis Middleton (see p. 176, *supra*), Mary, wife of Braemes Wheler of Durham, proctor, and Elizabeth, who on the 26th February, 1745, became the second wife of John Bedford of Durham, M.D., and was buried at St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham, on the 4th September, 1750.

1750. Sept. About the beginning of this month Jacob Grieve, attorney-at-law, dismissed Jane, his wife, the youngest of the two daughters of Tho. Bowes of Bradley, esq. He had detected her of tippling and of backsliding with her cousin Benjamin Gray, son of the old alderman John Gray.

1750. Sept. 7. Dr. Joseph Butler, bishop of Bristol, elected bishop of Durham in the room of Bishop Chandler (confirmed at St. James' by Dr. Pa[ul], Wednesday, Oct. 16). The dean, bishop of Gloucester, Dr. Mangey, Dr. Sharp, Dr. Knatchbull, Sir John Dolben, Dr. Bland, Dr. Stillingfleet, Dr. Eden, Dr. Lesley, present; bishop of Oxford, Dr. Johnson, and Mr. Gisburn, prebendarys, absent at the bishop's election.

My old friend and acquaintance, Dr. Braithwaite, died at York, about the middle of August last.<sup>63</sup>

1750. Sept. 12. Died Mrs. Whitfield, wife of Matthew Whitfield, esq., at Wolsingham. She was daughter of Sir Robert Eden.<sup>64</sup>

1750. Sept. 14. Died Alderman John Grey<sup>65</sup> of Durham, at an advanced age.

1750. Sept. 23. Died Mrs. Ann Norton, daughter of Christopher Norton, esq., by Mrs. Darcy, sister to James Darcy of Sedbury, afterwards Lord Darcy, aged 78 or thereabouts.<sup>65a</sup>

1750. Sept. 26. Mr. Richard Wharton, son of Alderman Wharton, was married at Weatherby in Yorkshire to Miss Lloyd, sister to Mr. Lloyd, rector of Ryton, granddaughter of Bishop Lloyd of Worcester, a lady of 5,000*l.* fortune. They went from hence to London.<sup>65b</sup>

<sup>63</sup> 1750. May 11. Will of Mark Braithwait. The subdeanery to be sold to pay James Barnard, esq., the money I borrowed to purchase it, viz., £440, having laid out since the purchase about £300 and also renewed the lease. If my wife desire to live in my new house at Deighton, I leave it to her, etc., for life; if not, I give it to my daughter Frances. My wife and daughter executors. I give my estate to my daughter, and at her death to the eldest son of Walter Hawkesworth, esq., and his heirs male. I give a gold ring to Walter Hawkesworth, esq., and another to my friend and kinsman, Mr. George Lumley of Leeds. Pr. at York, 25th March, 1751. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>64</sup> 1675. Oct. 28. Elizabeth Eden, daughter of Sir Robert Eden, baptized. *Registers of St. Helen's Auckland.*

1698. May 8. Mr. Matthew Whitfield and Mrs. Elizabeth Eden married. *Ibid.*

1750. Sept. 14. Mrs. Elizabeth Whitfield buried. *Wolsingham Registers.*

Mr. Matthew Whitfield was the head of the ancient house of Whitfield, which estate he sold with the consent of his son Robert in the year 1750 to Mr. William Ord, of Newcastle and Fenham: dying at the age of 84, he was buried at Wolsingham on the 9th June, 1761.

<sup>65</sup> 1750. Sept. 17. Mr. John Grey, alderman, buried. *Registers of St. Nicholas, Durham.*

John Grey, of Durham, married Mary, daughter of George Bowes, of Bradley, who was buried, *s.p.*, on the 1st December, 1721; he married secondly her first cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Bowes, of Quarry Hill, by whom he had issue. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv., p. 111.

<sup>65a</sup> 1750. Sept. 25. Mrs. Ann Norton, buried. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow.* Cf. pedigree of Darcy. Harrison, *Yorkshire*, p. 119.

<sup>65b</sup> Mr. Richard Wharton, subsequently an alderman, and in 1760 mayor, of

1750. Oct. Richard Wharton chosen an alderman of Durham in the room of John Grey.

1750. Oct. 3. Miss Chilton was carried off in a post-chaise from her grandmother's at Harraton by one Carter, a young fellow who had lately been servant to her brother and discharged his service. They were married at Mayfair Chapel in London on the Thursday following.<sup>66</sup>

1750. Oct. 9. Dr. Williamson of Whickham, married to widow Barras, daughter of Richard Hendry of Durham.<sup>67</sup>

1750. Oct. 18. Abraham Gregory<sup>68</sup> married at Witton to Fanny Wascoe, or Westgarth, a servant maid to Mrs. Fenwick of Nunnykirk.

1750. Oct. 9. Alderman Wharton had the misfortune to break his leg at his estate at Old Park. (Returned to Durham, Tuesday, 15 January.)

1750. Oct. 16. Charles<sup>69</sup> Wilkinson of Thorp, married to Miss Pulleine, daughter of Wingate Pulleine, esq., of Carlton.

Durham, married Anne, sister of the rector of Ryton and daughter of Dr. William Lloyd, rector of Fladbury and chancellor of the diocese of Worcester. The latter was son of Dr. William Lloyd (1627-1717), bishop of Worcester, by his wife Anne (married at Westminster Abbey, 3rd December, 1668), daughter of Dr. Walter Jones, prebendary of Westminster. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 300.

<sup>66</sup> 1750. Oct. 5. John Carter, of Stratford, Wilts., and Dorothy Chilton, of Chester-le-Street, married. *Registers of St. George's Chapel*, Hyde Park Corner. *Harl. Soc.*, Reg. Ser., vol. xv., p. 174.

She was Dorothy, daughter of that Robert Chilton, of Houghton-le-Spring, who married at Chester-le-Street, 27th December, 1726, Anne, daughter of Ralph Lambton, of Harraton, and who is said to have been killed in a duel in his own orchard (cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. i., p. 148). After her first husband, John Carter's death, his widow married his friend, Robert Young, son of Thomas Young and a native of Durham, who with his wife was living at Turnham Green in the month of May, 1761. Robert Young was buried in the south aisle of Chiswick Church, Middlesex, on the 6th November, 1791, aged 73: his widow died 20th January, 1806, aged 76, and was buried in the south aisle of Iver Church, Bucks.

<sup>67</sup> 1763. Aug. 27. The Rev. William Williamson, D.D., rector of Whickham, buried. *Whickham Registers*.

He was a younger son of Sir William Williamson, of Whitburn, baronet and a fellow of Merton College, Oxford. He left issue a son and a daughter Anne, eventually sole heiress of her father and brother, who married Robert Hopper (son of John Hopper of Shincliffe), a barrister and (as Robert Hopper Williamson) some time recorder of Newcastle.

<sup>68</sup> 1750. Oct. 18. Abraham Gregory, clerk, and Frances Wascoe, both of this parish, married. *Witton Gilbert Registers*.

He was admitted to Christ Church, Oxford, on 13th April, 1728, as son of Edward Gregory, of Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, clerk, being then 17 years of age; B.A. 1731, M.A. 1734; rector of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham, 1742 to 1755; perpetual curate of Witton Gilbert 1738, and vicar of Aycliffe 1755, both of which benefices he seems to have retained until his death 29th October, 1772, aged 62. He is buried in St. Margaret's Church, Durham, where there is a monumental inscription to his memory.

<sup>69</sup> A mistake for Christopher. Mr. Christopher Wilkinson, of Thorp-on-Tees, eldest son of Christopher Wilkinson, of the same place, was baptized 7th November, 1710; married, 16th October, 1750, Isabella Pulleine, and died in July, 1779, leaving issue. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv., p. 3.

1750. Oct. 30. Middleton Teasdale<sup>70</sup> married to Miss Nancy Bacon of Newbrough, in Northumberland.

1750. Nov. 24. Died my old friend and acquaintance, Lawrence Brockett<sup>71</sup> of Headlam, suddenly, of an epoplexy.

A violent distemper amongst the horses.

About this time it was reported, and I believe truly, that William Wharton, esq., of Gillingwood died in France, whither he had gone, in the summer of 1749. He was the last male heir of his family, and left two sisters, Margaret and Mary, and two nieces.<sup>72</sup>

1750. Dec. 2. About this time, as was reported, Miss Nancy Nicholson<sup>73</sup> was married at Pomfret to Captain Lion, related to Lord Strathmore, who married her eldest sister.

1750. Dec. 12. In the night died the lady of Mr. Nicholas Shuttleworth, sister to John Marsh, esq.<sup>73</sup>

Sometime in November last a table cloth of scarlet cloth for the communion table, and two quishons and two large Common Prayer books, a pulpit cloth and cushion of the same for the pulpit, and another cushion for the reading desk, was given to St. Mary le Bow in memory of Mr. William Randolph, who had been rector there for about 44 years.<sup>74</sup>

1750. Dec. 26. In the night, between the 26th and 27th, the house at Gillingwood, belonging to the late Mr. Wharton, was burnt down, occasioned by the carelessness of a servant maid in the house.

<sup>70</sup> See p. 179, *supra*.

<sup>71</sup> 1750. Nov. 26. Mr. Lawrence Brocket, of Headlam, buried. *Gainford Registers*.

1743/4. March 13. Will of Lawrence Brockett of Headlam, county Durham, gent. I give all my lands in the counties of York and Durham to my son Henry Brockett, he paying such sums to my children William, Abraham, Lawrence, Elizabeth, Eleanor and Anne as my brother Ralph Brockett shall direct. My son Henry executor. Pr. at York 5 August, 1751. Raine, *Test. Ebor.* Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 224.

<sup>72</sup> 1a William Wharton, only son of Anthony Wharton of Gilling-wood, was baptized at Gilling on the 4th August, 1698. Dying unmarried, administration of his personal estate was granted by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 2 Feb., 1753, to his sister, Margaret Wharton. The estates ultimately vested in the descendants of his eldest sister Anne, wife of Ambrose Stevenson, who assumed the name of Wharton. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii., pp. 291, 292.

<sup>72</sup> 1761. Sept. 21. Will of Ann Lyon of West Retford, widow. My late husband Patrick Lyon, esq., I give half my manors, &c., to my daughter Anne, and half to my daughter Susanna, also my lands in West Rainton held by lease from the Dean and Chapter of Durham, my collieries in Great Lumley and Hetton. Robert Dutton, Lindley Simpson and William Kirk, esquires, and John Bright, gent., to be executors and trustees. Pr. at York 13 Nov., 1764. Raine, *Test. Ebor.* Mrs. Patrick Lyon was daughter of James Nicholson of West Rainton, and grand-daughter of Jane Heslop wife of James Nicholson, niece and coheir of Sir John Duck. Cf. p. 52, *supra*.

<sup>73</sup> 1750. Dec. 15. Elizabeth wife of Nicholas Shuttleworth, esq., buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.* Cf. p. 223, *post*.

<sup>74</sup> William Randolph, B.A., of Christ Church, Oxford, under-master of Durham school, *circa* 1699; rector of St. Mary le Bow 1705 until his death in 1749. He was buried within the Communion rails in St. Mary le Bow church.

1751. Jan. 1. Dr. Thomas Chapman, master of Magdalen College, Cambridge, and rector of Kirby Overblows, in Yorkshire, was installed a prebendary of Durham in the place of Dr. Seckar, bishop of Oxford, made dean of St. Paul's. Prebends present were, Dr. Eden, Sir John Dolben, Dr. Johnston, Dr. Sharp, Dr. Mangey, Dr. Stillingfleet, Dr. Knatchbull, Dr. Bland. Dr. Leslie was at Sedgefield but did not attend.<sup>75</sup>

1751. Jan. 8. Mrs. Mary Maire buried at Gilling church.

1751. Jan. 14. Mr. Stackhouse, apothecary, died at Bishop Auckland.

1751. Jan. 19. Mrs. Elizabeth (*sic*) Lambton, widow of Thomas Lambton, esq., of Hardwick, died and was buried the 21st, at Elvet church.<sup>76</sup>

1751. Jan. 23. William Colson, esq., of Jesmond, was buried at Newcastle.<sup>77</sup>

1751. Jan. 26. This morning died little George Johnston at the castle, son of Charles (*sic*) Johnston, the bishop's receiver.<sup>78</sup>

1751. Jan. 29. About 7 this morning died at his house in Elvet, in an advanced age, Mr. Robert Eden,<sup>79</sup> one of the sons of old Sir Robert Eden of West Auckland, bart.: buried the 31st in Elvet church-yard, near the little south door.

<sup>75</sup> A native of Billingham in the county of Durham, Dr. Chapman was educated at Richmond school and at Christ College, Cambridge. He was chaplain to George II. and was presented to the third stall in Durham Cathedral by the King during a vacancy of the see. He died on the 9 June, 1760, and was buried in Magdalen College chapel, Cambridge.

<sup>76</sup> 1750/1. Jan. 21. Dorothy widow of the late Thomas Lambton of Hardwick, esq., buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

Thomas Lambton of Hardwick, eldest son of Freville Lambton of the same place, married Dorothy, daughter of Calverly Bewick of Close-house, and by her had six daughters and coheiresses, viz., Barbara, wife of Robert Ord of Sands, Dorothy, wife of Robert Surtees of Redworth, Margaret, wife of Henry Ruddock of Hexham, Thomassine, wife of . . . Rawling of Auckland, Philadelphia, wife of Charles Burn of Sunderland, Elizabeth, wife of Francis Mascal of Eppleton, who in 1748 united in the sale of Hardwick to Mr. John Burdon. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 68.

<sup>77</sup> William Coulson was born in 1692, being the second son of John Coulson of Newcastle and Jesmond by his second wife Elizabeth Bromley. He purchased Jesmond from his elder brother Robert. Cf. Dendy, *Jesmond*, in *Arch. Ael.*, 3rd ser. vol. i., p. 72.

1727/8. Jan. 27. William Coulson, esq., and Mrs. Jane Blenkinsopp married. *Hexham Registers.*

<sup>78</sup> 1750/1. Jan. 27. George, son of Mr. Christopher Johnson, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.* The name of the boy's father was not *Charles* but Christopher Johnson, an attorney at Durham who married at St. Mary le Bow, 27th August, 1747, Tabitha, daughter of George Dixon of Aykley-heads; their son was born on the 19th July, 1749, and was baptized on the 11th August following at St. Mary le Bow. Cf. *The Registers of Durham Cathedral*, ed. White, p. 122. Harl. Soc. Register Series, vol. xxiii.

<sup>79</sup> 1678. Dec. 19. Robert Eden, son of Sir Robert Eden, baptized. *Registers of Auckland St. Helens.*

1750/1. Jan. 31. Robert, son of Sir Robert Eden, baronet, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.* There is a monument to his memory in St. Oswald's churchyard.

1751. Jan. 31. This day I was told by Mr. John Hopper that his brother Hendry was married last Tuesday to Miss Eliz. Whitfield, neice to Miss Eden.<sup>80</sup> True!

1751. Feb. 13. Afterwards (*sic*) since died at Gibside, Captain Gumbleton, an officer, late of Sir John Bruce's regiment, and an old acquaintance of Mr. George Bowes's.<sup>81</sup>

Died at Richmond, Mrs. Florentia Bowles, widow, about the 87th year of her age. She was related to my father. Her husband, Mr. Bowles, was the son of the famous Presbyterian minister, Mr. Bowles of York, who was much countenanced and consulted with by Thomas, Lord Fairfax, the general. St. (?) Wilkes, one of the ejected fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford, was her brother.

1751. Feb. 18. William Surtees of Newcastle, registrar general of the Land Tax for Durham and Northumberland died.<sup>82</sup>

1751. Feb. 28. Brian Salvin,<sup>83</sup> esq., of Croxdale, died suddenly this morning. He went to bed in health, but had long been subject to a drowsiness or lethargick indisposition.

1751. March 20. Died at Leicester-house, the Prince of Wales, in the 45th year of his age. He had been ill of a [blank] and that night about 10 thought himself much better, and told Dr. Wilmot, his physician, he might go home, which he did; but in a quarter of an hour after he complained of a violent pain in his stomach and died soon after. He was greatly beloved, being humane, generous and good natured. Prince George, his eldest son, will be 13 next 24th May.<sup>84</sup>

1751. March 25. Seven of Sir Robert Eden's children were inoculated for the small-pox at West Auckland by Dr. Askew; Mr. Leplas of Bishop Auckland, the surgeon. The two youngest were not medled with, there being nine then in all, and all of them recovered very well.

1751. April 16. Miss Rainsford,<sup>85</sup> only child of Widow Rains-

<sup>80</sup> Mr. Hendry Hopper of Shincliffe (baptized at St. Oswald's on the 19th October, 1729) married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Whitfield of Whitfield and of Wolsingham and great-niece of Miss Eden. She was baptized at Wolsingham on the 13th September, 1733, married at St. Andrew Auckland, 29th January, 1750, and after bearing to her husband nineteen children died 1st October, 1807. Her husband was buried at Wolsingham on the 17th of September, 1796.

<sup>81</sup> 1750/1. Feb. 1. Francis Gomeldon, Gibside, buried. *Whickham Registers.*

<sup>82</sup> Last Monday morning died at his house in Pilgrim Street, William Surtees, esq., Receiver General of the Land Tax for this town and county, &c. *Newcastle Courant*, 23rd February, 1751. He was buried at All Saints, Newcastle.

<sup>83</sup> 1750/1. March 2. Bryan Salvin of Croxdale, esq., buried. *Registers of St. Oswald, Durham.*

<sup>84</sup> See *Gent.'s Mag.* 1751, pp. 99, 130, 140.

<sup>85</sup> 1751. April 19. Elizabeth Rainsford, grand-daughter of Sir John Dolben, baronet, prebendary of this church, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.* She

ford, a daughter of Sir John Dolben, died at her mother's house in the Bailey, next Lady Eden's, on Tuesday, April 16, having been inoculated for the small-pox ; and was buried at the Nine Altars on the 19th.

About this time the only son of Sir R. Milbank was inoculated at Hilton Castle along with Miss Hilton ; so was Miss Fawcet, young Shipardson and Dr. Wharton's daughter at Durham.

1751. April 13. My cousin, Betty Wass, was married at Medomsley to Mr. Wibbersley,<sup>86</sup> the under schoolmaster at Newcastle.

1751. May 7. Lady Graham died at York.

1751. May 18. Miss Salvin, only surviving daughter of the late Brian Salvin, was married at Croxdale to —— Markham, esq., of Lincolnshire.<sup>87</sup>

1751. May 19. This day I heard the bad news that cousin Hunter of Medomsley had lost the use of his right side by a palsy fit.

1751. June 2. Sally Bowes married at Durham to Mr. Nugent, an Irish officer in St. George's Dragoons, who became acquainted with her in the year 1745, the year of the Rebellion.<sup>88</sup>

1751. June 5. Last year the battlements of the new bridge was raised and the battlement of the west side of the great tower of the Abbey was taken down and rebuilt about this time. Towards the end the last year George Baker, esq., finished the building of his house at Ellimer-hall.

1751. June 28. Dr. Butler, bishop of Durham, was met at Fairwell-hall on his first coming into the country, by many of the gentry and clergy in about 18 or 19 coaches. He came out of his coach and was complimented in very few words by Dr. Eden on the behalfe of the Chapter, and in about four or five minnits (*sic*) he got into his coach and drove to the church, went into the Galilee and there put on his robes, and at the pillar facing the north door of the Abbey, Sir John Dolben, then sub-dean, complemented the bishop in the name of the body, to which he returned an answer : then went up into the quire and proceeded to the communion table where he made a short prayer, and from thence went up into the throne and heard evening

was the only child of Mr. John N. Raynsford of Brixworth, Northamptonshire, by his marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Dolben, bart. There is a monumental inscription to the child's memory in the Nine Altars at Durham.

<sup>86</sup> Mr. John Wibbersley, the son of Isaac Wibbersley, was born in the parish of Bakewell in Derbyshire, and matriculated in St. John's College, Cambridge, 26th May, 1735, being then 17 years of age ; B.A. 1738 ; M.A. 1749. He was appointed under-usher of the Grammar school of Newcastle 12th July, 1742, and usher 6th June, 1749, perpetual curate of Lamesley 1751, vicar of Woodhorn 1766, rector of Whickham 1768. He died at the last named place 18th April, 1782, aged 63. Cf. H. M. Wood, Notes on the Rectors of Whickham, *Proceedings of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries*, 2nd series, vol. viii. p. 264.

<sup>87</sup> Miss Mary Salvin was married to George Markham of Claxby in Lincolnshire, and she died in 1766 and was buried at Old St. Pancras.

<sup>88</sup> 1751. June 2. Mr. William Nugent and Mrs. Sarah Bowes married. *Registers of St. Nicholas, Durham.*

service and an anthem ; and from the church he went to the castle, and several gentlemen and clergy waited on him there and drunk a glass of wine.

1751. June 30. The corporation of Durham dined with the bishop.

1751. July 4. The mayor and aldermen of Newcastle dined with the bishop.

1751. July 6. Sir John Dolben's speech and the bishop's answer were printed in the *Newcastle Journal*.

About this time the information exhibited in Chancery by Robert Hope against Mr. Middleton of Offerton and Mr. Ralph Robinson, the governors of Houghton school, and Mr. Griffith,<sup>89</sup> the school-master, was dismissed with costs.

1751. July 27. Alderman Thomas Bainbridge of Durham failed and stopped payment (but afterwards he carried on his trade).

1751. August 7. Dr. Knatchbull<sup>90</sup> and his lady overturned in a chaise going off Elvet Moor down the hill in the way to Brancepeth, not far from Ra. Lambert's mill. The horse and chaise turned two or three times over and the doctor was much hurt in his hand, etc.

1751. Aug. 13. Corporation of Stockton dined with the bishop.

1751. Aug. 16. Died at Chester Sir Ralph Conyers,<sup>91</sup> bart., a glazier, of ye antient family of Conyers, and nearly related to Sir Baldwin Conyer of Great Stukely in Huntingdonshire, upon whose death the title came to him, but no part of the estate ; for upon Sir Baldwin's enquiring of Mr. Gowland (with whom Sir Ralph had a difference) whether any of his family in the north were living, and Gowland answering there was not, and as some people thought done on purpose to injure Sir Ralph, thereupon Sir Baldwin suffered a recovery of his estate at Nettlesworth near Durham and settled it upon his daughters, being worth upwards of 200*l.* a year, which would have come to Sir Ralph but for this accident. His eldest son is now Sir Blaxtone Conyers, bart., an officer on half pay.

1751. Aug. 29. Abraham Gregory's wife delivered of a daughter.

<sup>89</sup> 1776. Sep. 21. The Rev. Thomas Griffith, M.A., late master of Kepier school in Houghton-le-Spring, buried. *Houghton-le-Spring Registers*.

He was of Hertford College, Oxford, and was appointed master of Houghton school in 1738. Some account of the lawsuit in which he engaged may be found in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. i., p. 160 *n.*

<sup>90</sup> 1760. Dec. 31. Rev. Dr. Wadham Knatchbull, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

He was third son of Sir Edward Knatchbull of Mersham-hatch, bart., and was a fellow of Trinity-hall, Cambridge. After holding preferment in the south of England he was presented to the twelfth stall in Durham Cathedral in 1738 and removed to the eleventh stall in 1757. He died on the 27th December, 1760, aged 54, and was buried in Durham Cathedral with a monumental inscription in Latin from the pen of Dr. Lowth, afterwards Bishop of London.

<sup>91</sup> 1751. Aug. 19. Sir Ralph Conyers, baronet, buried. *Chester-le-Street Registers*.

He was baptized at Chester-le-Street on the 20th June, 1697, and married at Durham Cathedral on the 11th June, 1719, Jane, daughter of Ralph Blakiston. Cf. *Registers of Durham Cathedral*, ed. White, p. 61.

1751. Sept. 4. Mr. Pearson, the bishop's secretary, offered me the half of a lease of Sunderland town-moor, to be made by the bishop if I would goe half with him in contesting it at law. But I desired to be excused.

1751. Sept. 5. The first stone of the infirmary at Newcastle was laid by the bishop of Durham.

About this time died Mr. Thomas Watson, attorney at Newcastle,<sup>92</sup> and, not long after, died at Hexham Mr. John Aynsley, an attorney, aged about 92.<sup>93</sup>

1751. Sept. 22. Died at Bishop Auckland the Rev. Mr. Chaloner, minister of South Church and vicar of Consciff:<sup>94</sup> and about the same time died at Newcastle of a feaver Mr. Robert Wren, brother of Mr. Wren of Binchester.

1751. Sept. 28. I took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy in order to qualifie me for the degree of master of arts which the archbishop of Canterbury is to grant me as a qualification to hold the place of surrogate under Mr. Chandler,<sup>95</sup> ye Chancellor of Durham.

1751. Sept. 29. Mr. Thomas Norris,<sup>96</sup> who kept the Red Lion inn in Durham, died suddenly of an epoplectick fit after dining with the dean at his residence. He was formerly gentleman to the duke of Cleveland.

1751. Oct. 7. Timothy Whittingham,<sup>97</sup> esq., died: a descendant of dean Whittingham, r[eign] Elizabeth.

1751. Oct. 29. Received my appointment of surrogate from Mr. Chandler, dated Oct. 25.

<sup>92</sup> 1751. Sept. 14. Thomas Watson, buried. *Registers of St. John's, Newcastle.*

<sup>93</sup> Died very much regretted, aged 92 years, John Aynsley of Hexham, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 12th September, 1751.

1751. Sept. 15. Mr. John Aynsley, gentleman, buried. *Hexham Registers.*

<sup>94</sup> Mr. William Chaloner of Queen's College, Cambridge, was third son of William Chaloner of Guisborough, and was vicar of Coniscliffe from 1722 to his death. By his marriage with Anne, daughter of John Hodgson of Bishop Auckland, he had issue four sons. Cf. Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii., p. 236.

<sup>95</sup> Richard Chandler, eldest son of Dr. Edward Chandler, Bishop of Durham, succeeded his brother Wadham Chandler as spiritual chancellor in 1737. He assumed the name of Cavendish, and held the appointment until his death in 1769. Cf. p. 222, post.

<sup>96</sup> On Sunday night last, died suddenly Mr. Norris, master of the Red Lion tavern in the Bailey, Durham. *Newcastle Courant*, 6th October, 1751.

<sup>97</sup> Mr. Timothy Whittingham of Holmside in the parish of Lanchester was the descendant in the fifth degree of William Whittingham, Dean of Durham, (1563-1579), by his marriage with Catherine, sister of John Calvin the Reformer. He married Elizabeth, daughter of — Whitfield, by whom he had surviving issue two daughters, Elizabeth, wife first of Mark Hudson and secondly of John Hunter of Medomsley, and Sarah, married at Kirk Merrington on the 24th of June, 1751, to Isaac Cookson of South Shields.

Timothy Whittingham, who was buried at Lanchester on the 10th of October, 1751, was succeeded by his brother George, who was buried at the same church on the 27th June, 1758. On the death of the latter the male line of the family was extinguished. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 378.

1751. Nov. 26. My cousin Frankland, relict of Mr. Anthony Frankland<sup>98</sup> of Richmond, died and buried at Downham.

1751. Dec. 12. Mrs. Rawling,<sup>99</sup> the bishop's housekeeper, died suddenly at the castle. She was a daughter of old Ralph Rawling, formerly of Leasingthorn.

1751. Dec. 18. Ralph Carr, esq.,<sup>100</sup> of Cocken, died lately at Kensington Gravell Pitts, *i.e.*, on Saturday, December 7th, 1751, and on Wednesday, December 18th, his corps was brought to Durham in a hearse and buried privately in Bow church near the remains of his late wife, the daughter of Mr. Nicholas Paxton, formerly postmaster of Durham, according as he had directed by a paper found after his death, in which he ordered eight of his oldest tenants and Mr. Green, his steward, to attend his corps to the grave all in mourning and to have no other fooleries (as he term'd it) at his funeral.

1752. Feb. 7. This day at the Court of Pleas I moved to bail one Shotton, charged on the information of John Coxen, taken before Mr. Wharton,<sup>101</sup> for a robbery on the highway, and the affidavits of several persons were read to contradict the fact, and upon my taking notice of a fault in his warrant of commitment because he had not therein called himself a justice of the peace, and had not taken the examination of the prisoner, nor bound Coxon or anybody else to prosecute, the alderman broke out into a most intense passion and told me that I governed the court, but that by — no lawyer should govern him; to which I very calmly only told him that I did not pretend to govern him, that he should be the last man in the world I would offer to govern. (I should have said since he could not govern himself.) He also swore at and abused poor Mr. R. Stonewhewer.

1752. Feb. 13. Mr. Rudd and his daughter set out for Bath by the way of London.<sup>101a</sup>

1752. May 19. About one in the morning died at Kneeton-hall my brother-in-law, Ralph Hobson, gent.

Died Mrs. Chr. Wilkinson. She had been ill since beginning of November last.

1752. June 11. Mr. Rudd returned from Bath, better in health, but not quite so plump as formerly.

1752. June 16. Accounts from London inform us that by all the letters from Bath, the bishop of Durham was past all hope of recovery.

<sup>98</sup> Cf. p. 225, *post*.

<sup>99</sup> 1751. Dec. 13. Elizabeth Rawlin buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

<sup>100</sup> Mr. Ralph Carr of Cocken, eldest son of Ralph Carr of the same place by his wife Anne, daughter of Henry Lord Fairfax of Denton, was born 7th September, 1694, and married at St. Mary-le-Bow, Durham, 25th April, 1721, Margaret, daughter of Nicholas Paxton of Durham, and had, with other issue, a son and heir, Ralph Carr of Cocken. He was buried at St. Mary le Bow, 18 Dec., 1751.

<sup>101</sup> Cf. p. 194, *post*.

<sup>101a</sup> Mr. Thomas Rudd, of Durham, and his daughter Mary, afterwards wife of Thomas Williams of Epsom. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv., p. 107.

About 15 yards of the spire of Darlington church was taken down the beginning of this summer in order to be rebuilt, being much damaged by the lightning in 1750 and was rebuilt by Robert Nelson, a mason of Melsonby, for 120*l.*

1752. June 23. By this day's post an account came that the bishop of Durham<sup>102</sup> died at Bath on Tuesday last, the 16th inst., and this afternoon the dean and chapter, as guardians of the spiritualitys *sede vacante* entered on and took possession of the register's office belonging to the Spiritual Court, the register, Mr. Trotter, attending them; and about 6 the great bell in the Abbey tolled a short space on the account of the bishop's death. (He was carried from Bath to Bristol, and buried there on the 19th or 20th.)

1752. July 5. Died of the small pox at Bishop Middleham, Mrs. Spearman, wife of George Spearman, esq. She was a daughter of Mr. Sneyd of Staffordshire and a very agreeable woman.<sup>103</sup>

1752. Sept. 2. My cousin, Hunter, was electrified on his lips and cheeks by Mr. Dixon, a surgeon of Barnard Castle, and by that means and a little instruction he was able to speak some words, which he had not been able to do ever since he was deprived of the use of his tongue by a fit of the palsy on the 19th of May, 1751. The words he was able to speak were 'law, saw, so, no, yes, as, was, me.' I hope by the means of electricity he will be restored to the use of his speech.

About 2nd of September the wife of Mr. George Barkass, daughter of my cousin, Frank Richardson,<sup>104</sup> eloped with one Newby, a butcher, of Ferry-hill, and carried away with them several household goods from Ferry-hill and went on board a ship at Shields bound for London.

1752. Oct. 23. In coming from Biddick this afternoon I alighted from my horse near Lambton and in mounting him the saddle slipped and I got a fall, but, thanks be to God, I received no hurt.

On Tuesday, November 7, Dr. Johnson of Hurworth, cut a wen, or cancerous tumor, from off the face of Mr. Neale, rector of Croft, which weighed 8 ounces. He was more than an hour in the operation, and the patient underwent it with steadiness, and is in a hopefull way of recovery. He lost little more than an ounce of blood.

<sup>102</sup> Bristol. June 20. Yesterday the corpse of the late lord bishop of Durham was brought from Bath to the palace, from whence it is to be carried this day about 4 o'clock in the afternoon to the cathedral and interred next to the remains of Dr. Bradshaw, formerly bishop of this diocese, contiguous to the bishop's throne in the chancel of the church, when the choir service is to be performed.' *Newcastle Courant*, 23rd June, 1752.

<sup>103</sup> 1752. July 8. Anne, wife of George Spearman, esq., buried. *Bishop Middleham Registers.*

<sup>104</sup> 1741. July 21. Mrs. Richardson, wife of Mr. Francis Richardson of Ferriers-hill (*sic*) buried. *Kirk Merrington Registers.*

1752. Jan. 1. Mr. Francis Richardson of Ferry-hill was buried. *Ibid.*

1752. Dec. 8. The Rev. Mr. John Sharp,<sup>105</sup> vicar of Hartburn, in Northumberland, came to his father's in the College with his bride, one of the daughters of the late Dr. Deering, dean of Ripon.

1752. Sept. (sic) 28th. In the night between the 28th and 29th died at Sedbury, Henry Darcy, esq.<sup>106</sup> Buried at Gilling, Wednesday, November (sic) 1.

1752. Dec. 20. This day I got a fall from my horse on Habress<sup>106a</sup> moor by his turning very quickly round to screen his head from a pelting shower of hail, but, thank God, I got little or no hurt. For which and all other His mercies *sit nomen Domini benedictum*. Amen.

1753. Jan. 1. Died of a disorder from the palsey, William Pye,<sup>107</sup> esq., register to the dean and chapter of Durham and auditor to the bishop. (He was succeeded in his office of register by Mr. Peter Bowlby, a young man about 23 years of age, who had been Mr. Pye's clerk, and carried the election against Braems Wheeler, a proctor.)

1753. Jan. 24. My old acquaintance, William Peirse,<sup>108</sup> esq., of Hutton Bonville in Yorkshire, died this day and left one daughter. His second brother, Richard, succeeded to the estate.

1753. Jan. 26. This day William Maud, a quaker of Sunderland, and a man of very good credit and fortune, went to Shields and came from thence on his way homewards, but has not yet been heard of, although the horse he rode on was found that evening, but without his master: 'tis supposed Mr. Maud was robbed and murdered and his body privately disposed of.

1753. Feb. 15. Died at Croft the Rev. Mr. George Neale, rector of that parish and vicar of Barningham. The wound on his face occasioned by cutting off the cancer was healed almost entirely, but he fell into a decay which carried him off.<sup>109</sup>

<sup>105</sup> Last week was married at Rippon in Yorkshire the Rev. Mr. John Sharp, son of the Rev. Dr. Sharp, vicar of Hartburn in Northumberland, to Miss Dearing, daughter of the late Dr. Dearing, dean of Rippon, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 16th December, 1752.

<sup>106</sup> Henry Darcy of Colburne-on-Swale inherited Sedbury from his cousin James Darcy of Sedbury. Cf. *Harrison, Yorkshire*, p. 119.

<sup>106a</sup> Habress = Harbour-house, near Durham.

<sup>107</sup> 1753. Jan. 4. Mr. William Pye buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

1728. April 15. Mary, wife of William Pye, register to the Chapter, buried. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

<sup>108</sup> On Thursday last, at Hutton Bonville, William Peirsè, esq., aged 53. By his death, the publick has lost a worthy magistrate, his relations a sincere friend, and he is universally lamented by his acquaintances. He has left an only daughter. *Newcastle Courant*, 20th January, 1753.

William Peirse married *circa* 1726 Dorothy Stillington, and their only surviving child, Mary Peirse, became wife of the Rev. Edward Stillington of West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

<sup>109</sup> 'A gentleman who adorned his station by a temper and behaviour full of goodness and humanity.' (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1753, p. 100.) He was son of Daniel Neale of Otley and married in 1733 Margaret, daughter of Henry Bland, master of Doncaster school, afterwards dean of Durham. By his will dated 18th August, 1752, and proved at York 23rd August, 1753, he leaves all to his wife. The latter died at Doncaster in 1770, and by her will gave to the Dean and Chapter of Durham a picture of her father to be placed in their library. Note by the late Canon Raine.

1753. Feb. 16 and 17. The night between the 16th and 17th was a very great flood by the melting of a great snow which fell the 14th and 15th and a strong westerly wind with rain, which broke down two arches of Shincliff bridge and prostrated the pillar between the two arches nearest to Durham entire into the river without breaking. This bridge was built by Walter Skirlaw, bishop of Durham, who died in 1406. There was a great flood in the river Teese at the same time, which swelled so high that the water came into the turnpike house at the end of Croft bridge and forced William Burletson, the gatekeeper, to remain on the bridge all the night, and broke down a part of the wall of the house, and also broke down some old cottage houses in Croft and Nesham, which I saw, and I was told by the boatman at Stapleton the water was higher by a yard and an half in level water than ever was known before.

1753. Feb. 18. Died in Fleet Street, London, Mr. John Hobson, apothecary. He was my schoolfellow and son of Alderman Edward Hobson of Richmond, at whose house I was boarded for a six years, whilst I was at school there under the Rev. Mr. William Thompson.

1753. March 5. The Rev. Mr. Lewis,<sup>110</sup> a minor canon and curate of St. Mary le Bow, died of a consumption. He came from Hereford.

1753. March 22. The body of William Maud<sup>111</sup> was found in a stell or ditch, about half a mile to the north of Boldon, with his great coat and whip near him and a small quantity of money in his pockett. No bruises appeared about him or any marks of violence, except a scratch above his eye and a slight bruise upon his breast, all on the same side of his body, which may well be supposed to happen by falling, and some bruises on his fingers. The coroner's inquest found he had been wilfully murdered by persons unknown.

1753. March 29. Dr. Bedford came from London with his third wife, whom he had lately married there. Her maiden name was Horsman of Stretton in Rutlandshire.<sup>112</sup>

1753. March 30. Died at Houghton, near Darlington, Mr. John Hardcastle.<sup>112</sup> He was in the class above me at Richmond school and educated in Peter-house in Cambridge and was a good scholar.

<sup>110</sup> Last Monday, died at Durham, greatly lamented, the Rev. Mr. Henry Lewis, curate of Bow and one of the minor canons of the cathedral there. *Newcastle Courant*, 10th March, 1753. He was buried at St. Mary le Bow.

<sup>111</sup> Mr. William Maude was eldest son of Joseph Maude of Sunderland by his marriage with Margaret, daughter of John Thornhill of that place. He was born *circa* 1699 and married, first, Margery, daughter of W. Rawlinson of Graithwaite, and secondly, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Holme of Kendal. He was ancestor of the family of Maude of Kendal. A full account of his unhappy death and of the finding of his body may be found in the *Newcastle Courant*, 20th January, 24th March and 31st March, 1753.

<sup>112a</sup> This week was married Dr. Bedford, an eminent physician, at Durham, to Miss Horseman, a lady of great beauty, merit and fortune, one of the co-heiresses of Edward Horseman of Stretton in Rutland, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 31 March, 1753. 1756. June 29. Dulcibella, wife of Dr. Bedford, buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham*.

<sup>112</sup> On Saturday last, died at Haughton, near Darlington, John Hardcastle, esq., who in every action acted up to the strictest principles of honour and virtue. *Newcastle Courant*, 7th April, 1753.

1753. July 6. The right Rev. Richard Trevor, lord bishop of Durham, was received at Farewell-hall by several of the chapter and gentlemen of the county ; and Dr. Sharp, in the name of the chapter, congratulated his lordship in a speech, to which he returned a polite answer and then came to Durham.

1753. July 17. The corporation, *i.e.*, the mayor and aldermen, of Newcastle dined with the bishop at ye Castle.

1753. July 26. Last night died at his house in Framwellgate, the Rev. Edward Gregory, A.M., one of the minor canons of the cathedral. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxon, born at Stow-on-the-Wold in Gloucestershire, where his father was parson, and was reckoned to sing a base in perfection.<sup>113</sup>

1753. July 27. A concert of musick in the Assembly-room this day at noon in the week of the races, at which ye bishop of Durham was present, and a great number of other persons.

1753. Aug. 1. Died at Hackney, near London, of a consumption, Leonard Hartley, ye youngest of the two sons of my cousin, Leonard Hartley, of Middleton Tyas, to the extream grieve of his father, being a hopeful young man.

1753. Oct. 3. This day, in the evening, Richard Wharton, alderman, carried a letter signed with his name and delivered it at Lady Eden's house to her footman, which contained a challenge to Sir Robert Eden to meet and fight Mr. Wharton with sword and pistol on the Leezes, or any other place Sir Robert should appoint, for an affront received from Sir Robert, as was pretended. This letter was intercepted at the instance of George Bowes, esq., who knew of Mr. Wharton's having quarrelled with Sir Robert, and it was delivered to the Lady Eden, who, as soon as she got it, sent for Mr. Bowes and gave him ye letter, who put it in his pocket without acquainting Sir Robert with the contents of it ; and ye next morning Mr. Bowes acquainted the Justices at the Quarter Sessions with this affair ; upon which the letter containing the challenge was produced, and Lady Eden's footman being sworn in open court, declared he received it from Mr. Wharton, upon which the Justices, having read the letter, sent Mr. Mann, the deputy-clerk of the peace, to require Mr. Wharton's attendance ; and he attending accordingly, the Court told him of his having delivered this challenge, which they could consider no otherwise than as a breach of the peace, and that he must enter into a recognisance with suretys to keep the peace. In the afternoon of that day he came into court and entered into a recognisance of 2,000*l.* himselfe, with his brothers Dr. Thomas Wharton and Jonathan Wharton in 1,000*l.* each, to appear at the next assises ; and in the

<sup>113</sup> The son of the Rev. Edward Gregory of Wooton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, Edward Gregory matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, 3rd July, 1724, aged 17 ; he was perpetual curate of St. Margaret's, Durham (1732-1753) and rector of Whitworth (1746-1753) as well as a minor canon and singing man in the Cathedral (*Newcastle Courant*, 4th August, 1753). His wife was buried at the Cathedral, 11th January, 1732/3, and he was buried at St. Margaret's, Durham, where there is a monumental inscription to his memory.

meantime to keep the peace towards all persons and especially towards Sir Robert Eden.

In the recognisance he was stiled alderman. Johnathan Wharton objected to it as a title his brother would not choos to be distinguished, and therupon it was struck out and the word 'draper' put in. The court had sent for Sir Robert in the forenoon after Richard Wharton was gone home, and on Sir Robert coming and being acquainted with the affair, at the desire of the court he gave his word of honour not to take any notice of the matter.

1753. Oct. 5. This morning Richard Wharton sent a resignation in form to the Corporation, upon stamp paper, of his office of alderman, which they accepted: but he was mean enough to demand the corporation should pay for the stamps, but they refused.

1753. Oct. 8. This day was a sale of the goods and effects of Roger Henry Gale, esq., of Scruton, in Yorkshire, who, having a plentiful fortune (1,000*l.* for a year) had yet involved himself in debt to ye amount of 9,000*l.* or upwards, upon bonds, and was under a necessity to fly into France out of the reach of his creditors, his estate being all settled.

1753. Oct. 12. An account came from London of the death of old Mr. Lascells, who was reported to have cut his throat and arms and across his belly.

1753. Nov. 10. George Bowes, esq., mayor of Durham, gave a hogshead of wine, which was put in the conduit in the Market Place, Durham, and run from thence; to be drunk by the populace on occasion of the king's birthday. He also gave twelve guineas and the dean six guineas to the solgiers of Sir John Cope's regiment of Dragoons then in Durham, on their march to Scotland.

Miss Bowes, only daughter of G. Bowes, esq., was inoculated at Gibside for the small-pox, by Dr. Richardson of Ripon, but the distemper did not shew itself.

The latter end of this month died at Newcastle, Frances, the wife of Francis Forster, esq., of Low Buston, in Northumberland. She was the youngest of the three sisters of the late Charles Bathurst, esq.<sup>114</sup>

1753. Dec. 3. Died Mr. John Wilcocks,<sup>115</sup> a chearfull, agreeable, old gentleman, first cousin to the bishop of Rochester.

<sup>114</sup> Mr. Charles Bathurst of Clints and Skutterskelf by his marriage with Frances, daughter and heir of Thomas Potter of Leeds, had issue a son, Charles Bathurst, sometime M.P. for Richmond, who died *s.p.*, and three daughters; Mary, wife of William Sleigh of Stockton, Jane, wife of William Turner of Kirkleatham, and Frances, wife of Francis Forster of Low Buston. The latter was married at St. Edmund's Chapel, Gateshead, on the 17th August, 1731, and was buried at Warkworth on the 29th November, 1753. *Cf. Arch. Ael.* 2nd series, vol. v. p. 75, and new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 227.

<sup>115</sup> 1753. Dec. 5. Mr. John Welcocks buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham.* He was 76 years of age and, with his two wives, was buried within the communion rails of St. Margaret's, where there is a mural tablet to his memory. 'Last week died at Durham of a lingering illness, Mr. Wilcox, an eminent raff merchant, greatly lamented by everybody that knew him.' *Newcastle Courant*, 15th December, 1753.

1753. Dec. 5. Died at Newton, where he came on a visit, James Davison,<sup>116</sup> of Biddick, esq. He was an officer at the siege of Barcelona in 1706.

1753. Dec. 14(?). My old friend, John Agar, esq.,<sup>117</sup> serjeant-at-law, died at his chambers in the Temple, of the gout in his stomach, after a short illness of two hours. His family was of Stockton, near York, where he had a good estate.

1753. Dec. 24. Died at Durham, Mrs. Philipson,<sup>118</sup> mother to Nicholas Shuttleworth.

Sometime in this month the Dean and Chapter purchased of the widow of the late Mr. Edward Gregory, one of the minor-canons, for 45*l.* ten pictures at full length of ten of the Apostles, and which they hung up in the Dean and Chapter Library. These pictures were taken at St. Mary's in Spain on the expedition under the duke of Ormond, in which Mr. Gregory's father was a chaplain.

1754. Feb. 7. William Morgan,<sup>119</sup> D.D., one of the Senior Fellows of Trinity College at Cambridge, and vicar of Gainford, died at Gainford on Thursday, the 7th of February, 1754. He was son of Teagon Morgan, formerly curate of Merrington and brother of John Morgan, the attorney.

1754. March 16. Died at Richmond, Ralph Close, esq., the town clerk there, of a cancer in his tongue.

1754. April 3. Died, Mrs. Jane Mowbray.<sup>120</sup> She was the person intended when upon a certain toast's being proposed, her father answered 'Thank you for my daughter.'

1754. April 7. This day I got safe back to Durham from a London journey, in which I was absent six weeks. *Sit nomen Domini benedictum.*

<sup>116</sup> Mr. James Davison obtained the estate of North Biddick in marriage with Fortune, sister and heiress of Robert Carr of that place. By will dated 18th November, 1752, he gave the property to Margaret Davison, daughter of his brother Charles Davison, who married George Errington of Newcastle. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 48.

<sup>117</sup> 1754. Jan. 7. Mr. Sergeant Agar, of the gout in his stomach. *Gents. Mag.*, 1754, p. 47.

<sup>118</sup> 1678. Aug. 26. Lucy Blakiston, daughter of Mr. Francis Blakiston, Master of Arts, baptized. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

1703. Aug. 24. Mr. Nicholas Shuttleworth of St. Nicholas parish and Mrs. Lucy Blakiston of this parish, married. *Ibid.*

1713. July 14. Mr. Thomas Philipson and Mrs. Lucy Shuttleworth, widow, married. *Ibid.*

A pedigree of Shuttleworth of Forcett may be found in Harrison, *Yorkshire*, p. 461.

<sup>119</sup> 1754. Feb. 10. Rev. Dr. Morgan, vicar of Gainford, buried. *Gainford Register*. Dr. William Morgan was son of Mr. Tegan Morgan, curate of Kirk Merrington, and was baptized there on the 13th July, 1697; admitted to Trinity College, Cambridge, 26th April, 1715, B.A. 1718, M.A. 1722, B.D. 1730, D.D. 1750; vicar of Barford, Bedfordshire, 1744, of Trumpington, Cambridgeshire, 1746, of Gainford, 1747, and held his fellowship at Trinity until his death.

<sup>120</sup> 1754. April 5. Mrs. Jane Mowbray, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

1754. April 13. My cousin Martin died at Newcastle, and on the same day, *i.e.*, April 15 (*sic*), I went to Berwick to attend the election of members of Parliament for John Wilkes, esq., of Ailsbury, com. Bucks, and returned to Durham on the 24th.

1754. April 20. The front of the Tolbooth was taken down and the wall is intended to be raised higher with a parapet.

1754. May 15. Great part of the south wall of the castle above the long gallery was finished and handsom Gothic sash windows put in.

1754. June 11. Died at St. Hellen's, Auckland, James Carr,<sup>121</sup> esq., after he had eaten his supper. His estate comes to Ralph Carr of Cocken. He was formerly collector of Deal and brother of William Carre, esq., who married Mrs. Ellison, the sister and devisee of Robert Carre, esq., by whom Mr. William Carre had a large fortune.

1754. June 29. This day Mr. Richard Wharton asked pardon of Sir Robert Eden in the Toll-booth for a challenge he sent Sir Robert, and for which the Court of King's Bench had granted an information ; and Mr. Wharton to pay Sir Robert all his expences.

1754. Sept. 10. The clock in the Abbey church new painted and adorned.

1754. Sept. 24. The fanes or weathercocks were put up ; one on each side of the pinnacles at the east end of the Abby church of Durham.

1754. Oct. 1. The front of the Moot-hall in Durham was finished about this time, with new sash windows and a new cupola at ye top with a new fane thereon, having the letters, G. B., *i.e.* George Bowes, and 1754 on it.

1755. Jan. 27. Thomas Richardson, A.M., formerly of Peterhouse in Cambridge, and vicar of Aycliffe, died thereof (*sic*) of a jaundice and dropsy.<sup>122</sup>

1755. March 6. Dr. Thomas Mangey died this evening at his prebendal house in the College, having been for some time in a childless (*sic*) state from a palsy or paraletick illness.<sup>123</sup>

<sup>121</sup> On Tuesday night died at St. Ellen Auckland, of an apoplexy, James Carr, esq., of that place, greatly lamented. By his death an estate of about £2,000 a year devolves upon Ralph Carr of Cocken. *Newcastle Courant*, 15th June, 1754. He was buried at St. Helen's on the 14th June, 1754. *Registers of St. Helen's Auckland*.

Mr. Francis Carr, who died in 1727, gave his estate to his nephew, Robert Ellison, who assumed the name of Carr. Dying unmarried he gave his property to his youngest sister, Elizabeth Ellison, subsequently wife of William Carr of Newcastle and, *jure uxoris*, of Auckland St. Helen's. Cf. *History of the Family of Carr*, vol. ii. pp. 177, 196.

<sup>122</sup> Mr. Thomas Richardson was presented to the vicarage of Aycliffe in 1738.

<sup>123</sup> He was son of Arthur Mangey, a goldsmith in Leeds (who is said to have been hanged for clipping), and was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he matriculated, 28th June, 1704, aged 16. After taking orders he had rapid preferment, being successively chaplain at Whitehall, chaplain to Dr.

1755. June 1. My sister Elizabeth Gyll,<sup>124</sup> died at Barton. She was a very good woman and a kind sister.

1755. July 23. Mr. Justice Bathurst, one of the Judges of Assize for the Northern Circuit, having gone from York to Scarborough on the Sunday before, and coming to Durham by the way of Whitby, had a fall from his horse and pitched the back part of his head on a broken causeway: which stunn'd him so much that he lay above a quarter of an hour as if he had been dead, and was prevented coming to Durham where the Assizes were holden by Mr. Baron Adams, but two long causes were left untried.

1755. July 28. Mr. Justice Bathurst got to Durham, and lay at the Red Lion; was much better in his health and proceeded on the Circuit.

1755. Sept. 14. The passage out of the College called the 'dark entry,' leading to the Prebends-walk, was plastered and white washed, and the way down the passage made more easy, and the way at the farther end of the new bridge was raised and made more convenient in going towards Elvet churchyard.

1755. Nov. 10. The dean of Durham had celebrated the king's birthday from the first year of his promotion in 1746 till this day, when he left it of.

1756. Jan. 6. Died William Forster, alderman of Durham, an honest, sensible man; and left a good fortune in trust for his sister's son, Henry Mills.<sup>125</sup>

1756. Jan. 16. Richard Wharton re-chosen alderman of Durham. He resigned in a huff on Oct. 5, 1753, with very opprobrious words to the Corporation. Who ever lives will see him in office, ready to do some job at a pinch.

1756. Jan. 21. Died at Scorton, in Yorkshire, at the house of

Robinson, bishop of London, rector of Ealing and of St. Mildred, Bread Street. He was made prebendary of the fifth stall in Durham Cathedral in 1721, and in the following year exchanged for the first stall which he held until his death. He is buried in the Nine Altars where there is a mural tablet with a very long Latin epitaph to his memory. His advancement was no doubt partly due to his marriage with one of the daughters of Dr. Sharp, archbishop of York, by whom he had a son, John Mangey, vicar of Dunmow, Essex.

<sup>124</sup> 1755. June 3. Mrs. Elizabeth Gyll, daughter of Thomas Gyll, esq., buried. *Registers of Barton St. Cuthbert.* Note by the late canon Raine.

<sup>125</sup> Tuesday last, died at Durham, William Forster, esq., an eminent wine merchant, and an alderman of that city. *Newcastle Courant*, 10th January, 1756.

According to an inscription on a mural tablet in Brancepeth church, he was 50 years of age. His nephew and devisee, Henry Mills, of Willington, near Durham, married in 1765, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Fenwick, of Lemington, in the parish of Edlingham, and died on the 6th of November, 1807, aged 70, leaving a numerous issue. The wine merchant's business at Durham, which so far as is known, was founded by Forster, was carried on successively under the style of Messrs. Mills and Hutchinson, Messrs. Hutchinson and Hutchinson, and now of that of Messrs. Hutchinson and Greenwell. *Ex inf. Rev. William Greenwell*, 26th February, 1909.

Mr. Bower, his wife's father, George Cuthbertson<sup>126</sup> ye younger, town-clerk of Newcastle-upon-Tine. A great loss to his family.

1756. April 12. Mr. Farquarson was carried from Durham to London to be taken care of in a melancholy disorder.

1756. May 22. War proclaimed, at Durham and Newcastle, against France.

1756. June 24. My cosin, Thomas Hunter of Medomsley, was seised with a fit of an apoplexy as he was taking the air this morning in his chaise, and died about ten o'clock the same night. He was a friendly, worthy, honest man. (Buried in Elvet church, near his wife<sup>127</sup> and daughter, on the 28th of June.)

1756. June 26. Died the wife of Dr. John Bedford<sup>128</sup> at his house in the South Bailey. She was the doctor's third wife. Her maiden name was Horsman, and had been married about three years and three months. She was buried in the church of St. Mary's, South Bailey, on the 29th of June about three in the afternoon. Five women preceeded the coffin in hoods of white Irish linen, and the bearers were eight widows in hoods and scarfs of the same linnen, who had each a guinea.

1756. Oct. 6. In the night betwixt this day and the 7th was a violent high wind which threw down a stack of chimneys in the bishop's castle, which broke through the roof into a room where the man-cook lay and fell upon his bed, but he was just before risen out of the bed, being alarmed by the loud noise of the wind.

One like accident happened at the parsonage house at Norton, when Mr. Sisson, the parson, escaped by getting out of bed on the noise of the crash of a chimney which fell into his room upon the bed

<sup>126</sup> 1729/30. March 10. George, son of Mr. George Cuthbertson, attorney, Westgate, baptized. *Registers of St. John's, Newcastle.*

On Tuesday last, was married in Yorkshire, George Cuthbertson, junior, of Newcastle, esq., to Miss Bower, eldest daughter of the late (sic) Leonard Bower of Scorton, county York, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 21st September, 1751.

On Wednesday, died at Scorton (the seat of his lady's father) in Yorkshire, George Cuthbertson, jun., esq., Town Clerk of this corporation, etc. *Ibid.* 24th January, 1756.

The Cuthbertsons were lords of the manor of Haltwhistle, and father and son were successively Town Clerks of Newcastle. Cf. *Arch. Ael.* 2nd series, vol. xvi. pp. 171, 175.

<sup>127</sup> 1736. Sept. 23. Mr. Thomas Hunter and Mrs. Frances Morland, married. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>128</sup> John Bedford, M.D., one of the younger sons of the Rev. Hilkiah Bedford, the non-juror fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, was born in London *circa* 1711, and educated at Westminster school under Dr. Friend, and at St. John's College, Cambridge. He practised at Durham, and married, first, 7th June, 1738, Alice, daughter of William Davison, of Beamish; secondly, 26th February, 1745, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Posthumus Smith, and thirdly, March, 1753, Dulcibella, daughter of Edward Horseman of Streton in Rutland. Dr. Bedford was buried at St. Mary's in the South Bailey, Durham, on the 26th December, 1775, and his only son, Hilkiah Bedford (the offspring of his second marriage), a barrister-at-law, was laid beside him on the 29th July, 1779.

before he could get out of the room, and they were obliged to make way for him to get out by breaking down part of the wall: and great number of trees were blown all over the country; haystacks, etc.

1756. Nov. 4. Mr. John (*sic*) Smith of Burnhall,<sup>129</sup> died suddenly. He was a non-juror and generally supposed to be one of their bishops. He was the eldest son of Dr. John Smith, formerly prebendary of Durham, and was the editor of Bede's *History* and of another work tending to prove our Saxon ancestors were not subject to the pope. He left two daughters, one lately married to Anthony Salvin, esq., of Sunderland Bridge, and the other to Rowland Burdon of Newcastle, merchant. His only son, John Smith,<sup>130</sup> doctor of physick, died in his lifetime and by . . . . . his wife, eldest daughter of Nicholas Shuttleworth, esq., of Durham, left an only son.

1756. Nov. 21. Sir John Dolben, bart.,<sup>131</sup> died at his prebendal house in the College. He was a polite gentleman, but reckoned a staunch friend to the Pretender, or, at least, to hereditary right. He was the last dignitary in the church of Durham of Bishop Crew's promotion. His body was carried away on Saturday, December . . . . in order to be buried at Fyndon in Northamptonshire pursuant to the directions in his will; in the 73rd year of his age.

1757. Jan. 27. James Mylot,<sup>132</sup> the last of the ancient family of Mylot of Whittell, was buried this day at Chester.

<sup>129</sup> On Wednesday last, died George Smith, esq., of Burn-hall, county Durham, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 6th November, 1756.

Mr. Smith's name was not John but *George*: born 7th May 1693, he was educated at Westminster school under Dr. Knipe, and at St. John's College, Cambridge. After his father's death in 1715, he saw through the press the latter's edition of Bede. Subsequently he took orders in the non-juring church and became titular Bishop of Durham. He was buried at St. Oswald's, where there is a long Latin inscription to his memory, in which he is termed esquire (*armiger*). He was succeeded at Burn-hall by his grandson George, afterwards Lieut.-Colonel, Smith, the only son of Dr. John Smith and his wife Ann Shuttleworth, who were married at St. Oswald's on the 29th May, 1750.

<sup>130</sup> 1750. May 29. Dr. John Smith and Miss Ann Shuttleworth, married. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.

<sup>131</sup> On Sunday last, early in the morning, died at his house in the College at Durham, after a few days' illness, the Rev. Sir John Dolben, bart., the senior prebendary of the cathedral there, aged 73. He was the only son of Sir Gilbert Dolben, bart., and grandson of the worthy prelate Dr. John Dolben, archbishop of York. He is succeeded in title and estate by his only surviving son, now Sir William Dolben, bart. *Newcastle Courant*, 27th Nov., 1756.

He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford; B.A., 1705; M.A., 1707; D.D., 1717; vicar of Finedon, 1714; prebendary of sixth stall in Durham Cathedral, 1718; rector of Burton Latimers, 1719.

Sir Gilbert Dolben took a leading part in the Convention Parliament of 1688 (Macaulay, vol. ii. chap. x.).

<sup>132</sup> Died, at his house near Chester-le-Street, county Durham, — Millet, esq., aged 87. *Newcastle Courant*, 29th January, 1757.

The estate of Whitehill, in the parish of Chester-le-Street, was in the possession of the family of Millot for over four centuries, but John Millot (nephew of the James Millot named in the text), who died in 1747, unmindful of the right of his sister and other kindred, gave all his property to the rev. Henry Wastell, vicar of Simonburn. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 153.

1757. Feb. 10. Mr. Jon. Baines, who married my niece, Alice Hobson, died at Richmond of a feaver. (Married Nov. 30, *ante*.)

1757. April 2. Mrs. Jenny Lambton<sup>133</sup> died at her mother's house at Harraton. She had indulged herself the use of strong liquors which, it's presumed, hastened her end. She was the only surviving sister of Henry Lambton, esq.

1757. May 9. My niece Buckton came to the boarding-school at Durham.

1757. May 13. Dr. Hunter, his wife and son left Durham and went to live at Unthank, an estate belonging to Mrs. Hunter.<sup>134</sup>

1757. May 29. Christopher Fawcet,<sup>135</sup> esq., of Newcastle, married to Miss Lambert, daughter of Dr. Lambert, of the same place. *Pulchra sed indotata.*

1757. July 10. Died at Durham Mr. Robert Brass, commonly called Major Brass.<sup>136</sup> He was of the family of Flass near Durham.

1757. July 12. Died at Unthank my uncle, Dr. Christopher Hunter,<sup>137</sup> in ye 82nd year of his age, in the night between the 12th and 13th: and was buried on the 15th in Shotley church, com. Northumberland. He left Elizabeth, his widow, and Thomas, his only surviving child, and a grand-daughter, the only child of his son John, deceased.

1757. July 14. John York,<sup>138</sup> esq., member of Parliament for

<sup>133</sup> Cf. pedigree of Lambton. *Surtees, Durham*, vol. ii. p. 175.

<sup>134</sup> Doctor Christopher Hunter's wife was Elizabeth, daughter and (with her sister, Isabella, wife of Gabriel Reed of Troughend) coheiress of John Elrington of Espershields, and of Unthank in the township of Shotley Low Quarter.

<sup>135</sup> Mr. Christopher Fawcett, son of John Fawcett of the city of Durham (cf. p. 208, *post*), was entered to Gray's Inn, 27th November, 1728, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, 2nd May, 1729. He was Recorder of Newcastle from 1746 to 1753, and again from 1769 to 1794. He died 10th May, 1795 (*Newcastle Courant*, 16th May, 1795). His wife was Winifred, daughter of Cuthbert Lambert, M.D., and she was married at St. Andrew's, Newcastle.

<sup>136</sup> 1757. July 14. Robert Brass, buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham.*

He may be identified with Robert, son of Mr. Thomas Brass by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Leyton of East Leyton (Harrison, *Yorkshire*, p. 329), baptized at St. Oswald's, Durham, 13th March, 1682/3, and with the person of that name who was married in that church, 25th June, 1707, to Mrs. Elizabeth Burton. She died 1st March, 1761, see p. 209, *post*. Cf. *Surtees, Durham*, vol. i. p. 82.

<sup>137</sup> Christopher Hunter, son of Thomas Hunter of Medomsley, was educated at Houghton-le-Spring school, and also at St. John's College, Cambridge, to which he was admitted on the 11th April, 1693, being then 18 years of age. In 1701 he took out a licence to practise as physician and established himself at Stockton, where his eldest son Thomas is said to have been born. He afterwards resided at Durham, and became a distinguished archaeologist. Some of his MSS. collections are preserved in the Cathedral library at Durham. Dr. Hunter's son, Thomas Hunter, who died at Unthank, was buried at Shotley on the 16th October, 1770, leaving issue. For a pedigree of Hunter, see *Surtees, Durham*, vol. ii. p. 289.

<sup>138</sup> Mr. John York, son of Thomas York of Gouthwaite and of Richmond, in Yorkshire, was born *circa* 1685, and represented the borough of Richmond

Richmond, died suddenly in his garden at . . . . . in an advanced age, without issue. Succeeded in his estate by his brother, Thomas York, esq.

1757. Aug. 19. This day about 11 in the forenoon died at Durham, in an advanced age, my old acquaintance, Mr. John Hutton,<sup>139</sup> attorney-at-law. He was a man of integrity and distinguished by his abilitys in his profession; and was buried ye 22nd in the chancel at Houghton-le-Spring at the foot of Mr. Davenport's grave.

1757. Sept. 28. Died at Belsay castle in Northumberland Sir William Middleton,<sup>140</sup> bart., Knight of the Shire for Northumberland, which county he had represented in Parliament since 1721. He left no issue by his lady, Ann, the youngest of the two daughters of William Etrick, esq., of Silksworth in the county of Durham. Sir William was succeeded in title and estate by his brother, John Lambert Middleton, esq., corn merchant in London, who had been unfortunate in trade.

1757. Oct. 12. Died at Barford in Yorkshire, Mr. John Croft, one of the greatest breeders of horses in the north, as was his father, John Croft, who had been a servant in the Darcy family at Sedbury and afterwards farmed at Croft under Sir William Chaytor. His wife was an admirer of the diversion of cock-fighting and would bet her money freely.

1757. Oct. 16. Died at Brancepeth Mr. Lancelot Hilton,<sup>141</sup> elder brother of David Hilton, esq., barrister-at-law, and was buried at Stockton.

1757. Nov. 3. Died at his house at Mill-hill near Barnet in Middlesex, Hutton Perkins,<sup>142</sup> esq., formerly a sollicitor in Chancery, and many years principal secretary to Lord Hardwick when chancellor. Mr. Perkins was born at Barnard Castle.

1757. Dec. 14. Widow Smith, daughter of Nicholas Shuttleworth, esq., went away with Captain Ferguson in a shamefull manner.<sup>143</sup>

in Parliament from 1710 to 1754. His wife was Anne, daughter and coheir of James, Lord Darcy of Navan. Cf. Harrison, *Yorkshire*, p. 119. Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii. p. 282

<sup>139</sup> 1757. August 22. John Hutton of Durham, buried. *Houghton-le-Spring Registers*.

The Hutton family estate at Houghton-le-Spring, was acquired in parcels by Dr. Robert Hutton, rector of that parish and prebendary of the third stall in Durham Cathedral, nephew of Matthew Hutton, archbishop of York. He was great-grandfather of Robert Hutton, baptized 3rd February, 1666, father of John Hutton of Durham named in the text. The latter died unmarried.

<sup>140</sup> 1757. Sept. 30. Sir William Middleton, bart., buried. *Bolam Registers*. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 1st October, 1757.

<sup>141</sup> Mr. Lancelot Hilton was fifth son of Robert Hilton of Stockton, attorney, and was baptized on the 19th August, 1694. Like his father, he practised as an attorney at Stockton, where his third son William Hilton, the poet, was born. Cf. Hilton pedigree No. 4. Longstaffe, *Darlington*.

<sup>142</sup> 1715. Oct. 22. Hutton Perkins of Barnard Castle, gent., admitted to Lincoln's Inn. *Admissions to Lincoln's Inn*, ed. Lyte.

<sup>143</sup> See p. 179, *supra*.

1758. Jan. 6. Mrs. Frances Burton,<sup>144</sup> widow of Richard Burton, late of Ellamore Hall, was buried at St. Oswald's church in Durham. She was the last of the Midfords of Pespool.

1758. Jan. 21. Captain Hargrave of Lord Charles Manners' regiment of foot, carried away in a post chaise from Newcastle, without her father's consent, Miss Nanny Cuthbertson,<sup>145</sup> youngest daughter of Mr. George Cuthbertson, attorney, and formerly town-clerk of Newcastle. The captain was a married man and his wife was then at Newcastle.

1758. Jan. 28. My friend, David Hilton,<sup>146</sup> was struck with a fit of the palsy: after proper evacuations had a good night, but grew worse the next day and afterwards grew better.

1758. Feb. 10. My old friend, Thomas Garrard,<sup>147</sup> esq., Common Serjeant of the city of London, died at his house in Hatton Garden. I have been much obliged to him.

1758. March 16. Died Dr. Thomas Sharp, prebendary of Durham and was buried in the Abbey on the 23rd. (Will dated 1 March, 1758, proved at York in April following.)<sup>148</sup>

1758. April 11. Rev. Thomas Drake, rector of Bow church, married to Jenny Clark. *Sed prius ictum dedisse fertur.*<sup>149</sup>

<sup>144</sup> She was baptized at Easington, on the 9th of January 1682/3, as daughter of Mr. Thomas Midford, and was married at Pittington, on the 21st April, 1729.

<sup>145</sup> 1738. Nov. 21. Ann, daughter of Mr. George Cuthbertson, baptized. *Registers of St. John's, Newcastle.* She subsequently married Mr. Ralph Heron of Newcastle, solicitor.

<sup>146</sup> Mr. David Hilton of Middle Temple and of Durham, barrister-at-law, youngest son of Robert Hilton of Stockton, attorney, was baptized on the 28th April, 1698. He was seneschal to Crew, Talbot, Chandler, Butler, Trevor and Egerton, successive bishops of Durham, and was also Recorder of Hartlepool. He married twice and left issue. ( Cf. Hilton pedigree No. 4, in Long-staffe's *Darlington*.)

<sup>147</sup> Thomas Garrard, son of sir Samuel Garrard, bart., was of Queen's College, Oxford, where he matriculated 21st October, 1715; he was a member both of the Middle and Inner Temple, and died s.p.

<sup>148</sup> He was a son of Dr. Sharp, archbishop of York, was baptized at St. Martin's in the Fields, on the 1st January, 1693/4, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge: B.A., 1712; M.A., 1716; D.D., 1729; successively rector of Rothbury, archdeacon of Northumberland, prebendary of the tenth stall in Durham Cathedral, prebendary of York and Southwell. He was also one of Lord Crew's trustees. He married at Houghton-le-Spring, on the 19th June, 1722, Juith, daughter of sir George Wheler, rector of Houghton and prebendary of Durham. She died at Rothbury on the 9th July, 1757, and was buried in the Galilee chapel at Durham, where her husband was laid beside her on the 23rd March, 1758. Cf. *The Registers of Durham Cathedral*, ed. White, p. 122. *Harl. Soc. Register Series*, No. xxiii.

<sup>149</sup> 1758. April 11. Thomas Drake, of the parish of St. Nicholas, and Jane Clark, of this parish, married. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham.*

He was eldest son of Thomas Drake, vicar of Norham, by his wife Jane, daughter of Thomas Ord of Felkington. He was baptized at Norham, 5th Sep., 1723; admitted to Corpus College, Oxford, 16th April, 1741; B.A., 1745; rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, 1750-1788; vicar of Bedlington, 1774 to his death in 1788.

1758. April 26. Died suddenly of an apoplectic fit at Barningham in Yorkshire, Mark Milbank, esq., of that place, unmarried, and the last of that branch. He was the worthiest man of his family. Left all his estate to Mark, younger son of his cousin, John Milbank of Thorp.<sup>150</sup>

1758. May 5. Dr. William Cowper, an eminent physician of Newcastle, fell from his horse, and, pitching on his temples, died on the spot.<sup>151</sup>

1758. May 6. The wife of Mr. Ra. Gowland brought to bed in the evening of her first son. The Abbey bells were rung next morning. *Bombalio, clangor, stridor*, etc.<sup>152</sup>

1758. May 15. Died at his house in London, without issue, Ralph Jennison, esq., the last of his name at Walworth hall.

1758. June 1. Died at London Major-General Hedworth Lambton, second, or next, brother of Henry Lambton, esq., and his corpse being brought into the country was buried in the family vault in the church of Chester-le-Street, on Fryday, 16 June.

<sup>150</sup> Last week, died at his seat at Barningham, Mark Milbank, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 6th May, 1758.

1750. Dec. 27. Will of Mark Milbank of Barningham, esq. None of my relations but only my servants to attend my body to the burial. My lands at Ray, Blackhall and Horn-castle, parish of Kirk Whelpington, Northumberland, to my godson, Mark Milbank al-o my lands at Barningham and Newsham. To my sister Elizabeth Milbank £500. To my uncle Thomas Davison, esq., £20. To my aunts Mary and Timothea Davison £20 each. To my godson Robson Milbank £20. To my godson Mark Eden £20. To my goddaughter Judith Baker £20. To my goddaughter Jane Routh £20. To the poor householders in the parish of Barningham £20. Residue to Mark Milbank and my sister Elizabeth Milbank, they executors. Proved at York, 24th May, 1770. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>151</sup> On Friday last was killed, by a fall from his horse, William Cooper, esq., an eminent physician of this place, a gentleman whose good nature and unbounded benevolence procured him the respect and esteem of all ranks of people. . . . Few men were ever better beloved and fewer still whose death can be a greater loss to society, to his friends and to his family. *Newcastle Courant*, 13th May, 1758.

Dr. Cooper, the only surviving son of William Cooper of Berwick, M.D., by his first wife Ann, daughter of Anthony Compton of Berwick, was baptized there on the 3rd February, 1698/9, and was educated at the university of Leyden, where he graduated. By his marriage with Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Edward Grey of Alnwick, he not only acquired some property at Bilton Banks in the parish of Lesbury, but a connection with the distinguished family of Grey of Howick. His widow died at her house in Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on the 23rd February, 1762. Dr. Cooper's eldest son, Grey Cooper of the Inner Temple, barrister-at-law, successfully revived in himself a dormant Nova Scotia baronetcy. He took an active part in politics, held various lucrative appointments, and is said to have left £9,000 per annum to his heir.

<sup>152</sup> Saturday last, the lady of Ralph Gowland, esq., was safely delivered of a son, at his house in Durham, to the great joy of the family. *Newcastle Courant*, 13th May, 1758.

Mr. Ralph Gowland was elected M.P. for the city of Durham at a by-election, 12th December, 1761, but was ousted on petition. He was elected M.P. for Cockermouth in 1775. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 46.

About the latter end of May died at Sedgefield, my old school-fellow, Fitzherbert Etherington, curate.<sup>153</sup>

1758. June 25. Died suddenly at Holmside, after eating his dinner heartily, George Whittingham,<sup>154</sup> esq., one of his majesty's justices of the peace and the last male of his name. He was descended from the famous William Whittingham, dean of Durham, one of the translators of the Psalms into English metre. He was a batchelor and his estate came to his two nieces, the daughters of his elder brother deceased, one the wife of Mr. John Hunter of Medomsley and the other the wife of Mr. Cookson of Shields.

1758. June 29. This morning, about eight of ye clock, died suddenly Miss Mally Mowbray. She had for several years past been troubled with epileptic fits. Eldest daughter of John Mowbray, attorney-at-law, by Catherine, third daughter of Thomas Wilkinson of Kirkbridge. She was buried Sunday, 2nd July, in the chancel of St. Mary le Bow.<sup>155</sup>

1758. July 1. Died at Durham, Rev. Mr. Nangles, vicar of Barningham.

1758. July 4. Mrs. Bowlby, wife of Mr. Peter Bowlby, brought to bed of a son.<sup>156</sup>

1758. Aug. 9. Lady Darcy died at York.<sup>157</sup>

1758. Nov. 3. John Brackenbury, esq., died at his house at Upper Holloway, near London, in an advanced age. Born at

<sup>153</sup> 1695. July 2. Fitzherbert *filius* Mr. Layton Etherington, curate, baptised. *Washington Registers*.

He was educated at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he matriculated 7th April, 1715, B.A. 1718. At Sedgefield he was curate to the absentee rector, Dr. Lowth, who was prebendary of the eighth stall at Durham and also Bishop of Oxford. He probably held a similar appointment under the immediately preceding rector, Dr. Lesley, prebendary of the eighth stall at Durham, afterwards Bishop of Limerick.

1758. May 24. Will of Fitzherbert Etherington of Sedgfield, clerk. Infirm in body. To my brother Layton Etherington of Gilling, clerk, and his heirs, my estate at Gilling, and failing his heirs, to Layton Carr third son of my nephew and niece Matthew and Mary Carr of Riop (*sic*), county Durham. To my nephew Matthew Carr £300. Residue to my brother Layton Etherington, he executor. Proved at York, 1758. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>151</sup> This week, died George Wettingham, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 1st July, 1758.

See p. 189 *supra*. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 378. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 330.

1751. June 24. Isaac Cookson of the chapelry of St. Hilda and Sarah Whittingham of the parish of Merrington were married. *Kirk Merrington Registers*.

<sup>155</sup> Thursday morning died suddenly at Durham, Miss Mowbray, daughter of the late Mr. John Mowbray, an eminent attorney. *Newcastle Courant*, 1st July, 1758. Her name was Mary, and her age 36. Cf. *Reg. St. Mary le Bow*.

<sup>156</sup> We hear from Durham that last Tuesday the lady of Mr. Peter Bowlby was delivered of a son and heir. *Newcastle Courant*, 8th July, 1758.

<sup>157</sup> Probably Margaret (Garth), fourth wife and widow of James, Lord Darcy of Navan. Cf. pedigree of Darcy of Sedbury. Harrison, *Yorkshire*, p. 119. Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii. p. 82.

Melsonby, related to our family, formerly collector of excise in the Hartfordshire division near London and part of Middlesex. A very worthy, honest man.<sup>158</sup>

And before Christmas John Moor, brasier, of Gilling, was shot dead near Richmond by persons unknown.

1758. Dec. 1. Sir Conyers Darcy died at Aston (*sic*) *s.p.*<sup>158a</sup>

1759. Jan. 4. Died Thomas Place,<sup>159</sup> esq., recorder of York, aged 70. He had been afflicted some years before his death with a paralitick disorder which had disabled him from following his profession in which he was eminent. A man of integrity. (Succeeded by Peter Johnson, jun., of York, esq.)

1759. March 26. In the night between the 25th and 26th of March, died at his house, the upper end of Crossgate in Durham, aged 76 or thereabouts, Anthony Wilkinson,<sup>160</sup> esq., possessed of a very large estate, besides what he had given to some of his children in his life time. He was buried the Wednesday following at the east end of the south isle of Crosgate church, Durham. His house was robbed of 60*l.* since Christmas last.

1759. April 8. Being Sunday, there was no sermon at the Abbey. *Pudet hec opprobria!*

1759. May 31. This day, Mr. Ra. Hodgson, attorney at Bishop Auckland, and agent there for the bishop, left his family and absconded for debt.

1759. June 6. Mr. Chr. Wardell,<sup>161</sup> attorney in Durham, was married to the widow Wilkinson. Lovers of a long standing.

1759. June 9. Dr. Jaques Stern,<sup>162</sup> prebendary of one of the richest prebends of Durham, died at York, on Saturday, June 9th.

1759. June 25. Mr. Jennison Shaftoe<sup>163</sup> rode 50 miles on the flat course at Newmarket for 1,000 guineas. He was to have two

<sup>158</sup> Nov. 3. John Brackenbury, esq., at Upper Holloway. *Gent.'s Mag.* 1758, p. 556.

<sup>158a</sup> Sir Conyers Darcy of Aske, K.C.B., died there 1 Dec., 1758, aged 73, *s.p.* Cf. *Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii. p. 84.

<sup>159</sup> Jan. 4. Thomas Place, esq., barrister-at-law, and recorder of York, aged 70. *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1759, p. 46.

<sup>160</sup> Monday, died at his house in Crossgate, Durham, Anthony Wilkinson, esq., etc., etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 31st March, 1759.

<sup>161</sup> 1759. March 28. Anthony Wilkinson, esq., buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*. Cf. pedigree of Wilkinson in *Surtees, Durham*, vol. i. p. 81.

<sup>161</sup> Tuesday, was married at Bow Church in Durham, Mr. Christopher Wardell, an eminent attorney, and Mrs. Wilkinson, an agreeable widow lady with a considerable fortune. *Newcastle Courant*, 9th June, 1759.

She was the daughter of Christopher Mickleton of Durham, and widow of Richard Wilkinson of the same city. She was buried at Durham Cathedral on the 21st April, 1768.

<sup>162</sup> Dr. Stern was presented to the second stall in Durham Cathedral in 1755; with it he held a stall at York, the rectory of Rise and the vicarage of Hornsea. Cf. *Hutchinson, Durham*, vol. ii. p. 178.

<sup>163</sup> Cf. pedigree of Shafto of Benwell, *Surtees, Durham*, vol. iii. p. 296.

hours to ride it in, which he performed on ten horses in an hour and forty-nine minutes and five seconds, which was ten minutes and 45 seconds within the time. He was stopt 2 minutes by one of his horses falling sick in running. He won seven or eight thousand pounds in betts. The famous jockey, Tom Jackson, rode along with him. Others report that he won 10 or 11 thousand pounds.

1759. About the middle of August, George Spearman<sup>164</sup> of Bishop Middleham, esq., was married in Scotland to Miss Webb of London upon the strength of a week's acquaintance. She was about eighteen or nineteen, and he about five or six and forty.

1759. Nov. 20. Died at her house in New Elvet, Mrs. Betty Bowes,<sup>165</sup> eldest sister of George Bowes, esq., of the gout in her stomach, and was buried the 23rd in St. Mary's, South Bailey.

1760. Feb. 9. Mr. Robert Althorp died at Richmond. He left his estates to his uncles tho' he had often promised to leave his cousin, George Hartley, that part of his estate, which was his mother's, aunt to Mr. Hartley.

1760. May 8. Died at Morton-house, at an advanced age, Mr. Robert Smith, distinguished by the name of Count Smith.<sup>166</sup>

1760. May 9. Died old Mrs. Proud<sup>166a</sup> of the coffee-house: and the week preceding died the Rev. Mr. George Marsh,<sup>167</sup> rector of Ford in Northumberland, formerly curate of Middleton Tyas, a native of York.

1760. Sept. 17. Died at Gibside, of a lingering illness, George Bowes, esq., in the 60th year of his age. He was the last heir male of the Streatlam family, leaving an only daughter, Eleanor, born 24 February, 1748/9. Buried at Whickham; the body to be after-

<sup>164</sup> Last week was married George Spearman of Bishop Middleham, esq., to Miss Webb, sister of — Webb of Durham, esq.; a young lady of great beauty, merit and accomplishments, with a considerable fortune. *Newcastle Courant*, 1st September, 1759.

1761. April 23. George Spearman, esq., buried. *Bishop Middleham Registers*.

Mr. George Spearman, who was baptized at St. Mary-le-Bow, Durham, on 23rd April, 1714, married first, Anne, daughter of Ralph Sneyd of Bishton in Staffordshire, who died in July, 1752. His second marriage is not recorded in the elaborate pedigree of Spearman in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. i. p. 95.

<sup>165</sup> Monday night died at Durham Miss Betty Bowes, sister of George Bowes, esq., of Gibside, M.P. co. Durham, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 24th Nov., 1759.

1759. Nov. 23. Elizabeth Bowes buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham*.

She was laid within the communion rails near her mother, Dame Elizabeth Bowes, widow of Sir William Bowes, who was buried on the 5th July, 1736. Cf. M.I., St. Mary in the South Bailey.

<sup>166</sup> 1760. May 17. Robert Smith, esq., of Morton-house. *Houghton-le-Spring Registers*.

<sup>166a</sup> 1760. May 9. Catherine Proud, widow, buried. *Reg. St. Mary le Bow*.

<sup>167</sup> The Rev. George Marsh, son of Richard Marsh, a freeman of York, was rector of Ford from 1722 until his death. He was succeeded by his son of the same name, who held that benefice until his death in 1795.

wards deposited in a vault in the new chapple, at Gibside, which was unfinished when he died.<sup>168</sup>

At the latter end of July or beginning of August, the old copes (those raggs of popery) which had been used in the Communion Service, at the Abbey, ever since the time of the Reformation, were ordered by the dean and chapter to be totally disused and laid aside. Dr. Warburton, one of the prebendarys and bishop of Gloucester, was very zealous to have them laid aside, and so was Doctor Cowper, the dean.

1760. Sept. 12. About this time died at Barnsley, my old acquaintance, Mr. Thomas Paine, who had been many years associate of the North Circuit. He was an excellent officer and a very honest man.

1760. Oct. 21. Last night died at his house on the Green in Durham, after a confinement of three years, John Fawcett, esq. He had been many years Recorder of the city of Durham. He was a very good *pater-familias* and a man of integrity. Aged about 83 years and five months.<sup>169</sup>

1760. Dec. 31. Died at Piersburgh, Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Piers,<sup>170</sup> esq., and the eldest of the two surviving daughters of Dr. John Johnson, prebendary of Durham. She was a woman of no consequence. *Ebria, garrula.*

1761. Feb. 23. This day died in the schoolmaster's house at Durham the Rev. Richard Dongworth,<sup>171</sup> A.M., headmaster of ye

<sup>168</sup> Wednesday evening, died in the 60th year of his age at his seat at Gibside, George Bowes of Streatlam Castle, co. Durham, esq., D.L., alderman and three times mayor of the city of Durham, and M.P. in last five parliaments. He married to his first lady the Hon. Eleanor Verney, only daughter of Thomas Lord Willoughby Broke, who died without issue. To his second lady he married Mary, daughter of Edward Gilbert of Palswalden (*sic*), esq., &c. *Newcastle Courant*, 20th September, 1760.

1760. Sept. 26. George Bowes, esq., Gibside, buried. *Whickham Registers.* He left an estate of some £600,000 and an only child, Eleanor, who married first John Lyon, ninth earl of Strathmore, and secondly the profligate adventurer, Andrew Stoney Robinson, and had issue by each marriage.

<sup>169</sup> 1760. .... John Fawcett, esq., recorder of this city for above forty years, aged 83. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow.*

<sup>170</sup> Piersburgh is now known as Worsall-on-the Tees, near Yarm. The following notice refers to a relative, probably to a son:—‘ York ; yesterday was married at St. Martin’s Church, Coney Street, in this city, Thomas Pierse, jun., of Pierseburgh, esq., to Miss Lutton, daughter of the late Ralph Lutton of Knapton, esq.’ *Newcastle Courant*, 11th February, 1766.

<sup>171</sup> Tuesday, died at Durham, the Rev. Mr. Dongworth, vicar of Billingham, and head-master of the Grammar School at Durham, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 28th February, 1761.

1761. Feb. 26. The Rev. Richard Dongworth buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

He was of Magdalen College, Cambridge, B.A. 1726 and M.A. 1730, and he was appointed master of the Grammar School in 1732 and was vicar of Billingham from 1733 to 1761. He was 58 years of age. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 275.

1761. Feb. 17. Will of Richard Dongworth, master of the Grammar

publick grammar school a learned and polite gentleman. Some few years agoe he was offered the headmastership of Eaton school, but declined it. He was vicar of Billingham when he died, and this winter he surrendered the perpetual curacy of Whitworth in favour of the Rev. Thomas Randal, A.M., his usher. He was tapped the Thursday preceeding on account of a dropsy, not arising from intemperance, for he was a temperate man, and above 24 quarts of water were taken from him.

1761. March 1. Mrs. Brass buried at St. Mary's, South Bailey. She was the last of the Burtons.<sup>172</sup>

1761. June 7. Matthew Whitfield,<sup>173</sup> esq., died at Wolsingham, aged about 84. He was the last of the family in the male line; who had been long possessed of the estate at Whitfield in Northumberland, which he sold several years before his death to William Ord, esq., of Fenham.

1761. June 26. Died suddenly in his post chaise, whilst taking the air in the evening, at or near New-bridge, east of Chester, my honoured friend, Henry Lambton, esq., of Lambton, member of parliament for the city of Durham. Dying a batchellor, he was succeeded in his large fortune by his next brother, William Lambton, esq., one of the benchers of Lincoln's Inn, who is also unmarried.<sup>174</sup>

1761. July 25. Died at Brussels the Rev. George Sayer, arch-deacon of Durham.<sup>175</sup>

School at Durham, and vicar of Billingham. My sister, Sarah Dongworth, who lives with me, executrix. To the Rev. William Braithwaite, my curate at Billingham, £100. To Mr. Chr. Wardell, attorney-at-law, £50. To the Rev. Thomas Randal £100. I order that out of the plate which I already have in my house or out of the money to be left, my executors procure to be made a silver flagon for the communion table at Billingham, of the same size, shape, and weight with that which Dr. Chapman lately left for the same purpose. These words to be added at the bottom: *Donum Richardi Dongworth Vicarii de Billingham*, with the date of the year. Proved at York, 7th March, 1761. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>172</sup> 1761. March 1. Mrs. E. Brass buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham.* Cf. p. 201, *supra*.

<sup>173</sup> On Sunday last, died at Wolsingham, greatly lamented, Matthew Whitfield, esq., in the 84th year of his age. He was High Sheriff of the county of Northumberland in the year 1729. *Newcastle Courant*, 13th June, 1761.

1761. June 9. Matthew Whitfield, esq., buried. *Wolsingham Registers.* He was the last male heir of the ancient family of Whitfield of Whitfield, see p. 182, *supra*.

<sup>174</sup> On Friday, 26th ult., died suddenly, Henry Lambton, esq., one of the Members for the city of Durham, which place he represented in five successive parliaments, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 4th July, 1761.

<sup>175</sup> Dr. George Sayer, of Oriel College, Oxford, matriculated 1714, aged 18, B.A. 1717, M.A. 1719, D.D. 1735; vicar of Witham, Essex, 1722-1732; rector of Bocking, Essex, 1741; prebendary of the tenth stall in Durham Cathedral 1725-1732; rector of Easington 1730-1761; archdeacon of Durham 1730-1761. He married a daughter of Archbishop Potter and in spite of these rich benefices his circumstances became embarrassed and he retired to Brussels, where he died. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. pp. 210, 222.

1761. August 8. His royal highness the Duke of York came from Scarborough on visit to Sir Ralph Milbank at Halnaby. He visited at Raby, etc. *Dux fæmina facta.*

1761. Aug. 13. George Sandiford Crow, esq., a widower of 62 years, was married at St. Mary's, South Bailey, to Miss Dolly Trotter, aged 34 years, daughter of Mr. Ralph Trotter, the register.<sup>176</sup>

1761. Sept. 30. Died at her house, in New Elvet near the church, Mrs. Ann Eden, only surviving child of old Sir R. Eden. She was aged 85 years or thereabouts. His eldest sister, Margaret, was my god-mother.<sup>177</sup>

1761. Oct. 13. Died at Hurworth about 10 in the morning, the Rev. John Johnson,<sup>178</sup> Doctor of Laws, prebendary of Durham, rector of Hurworth, vicar of Mansfield, and one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the North Riding of Yorkshire and county of Durham; formerly chaplain to King George II. when Prince of Wales and well known for his skill in surgery which he cultivated *proprio Marte*. He died very rich, aged about 84.

<sup>176</sup> 1760. April 26. Ann, wife of George Sand. Crowe, esq., buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham.*

1761. Aug. 13. George Sandiford Crowe, esq., and Miss Dor. Trotter, both of this parish, married. *Ibid.*

1771. March 3. George Sandiford Crow, esq., of Durham, buried. *Bothal Registers.* Cf. p. 175, *supra*.

<sup>177</sup> 1767. Nov. 6. Anne Eden, daughter of Sir Robert Eden, baptized. *Registers of St. Helen's Auckland.*

Here lies the body of Robert Eden, esq., son of Sir Robert Eden, of West Auckland, bart., who died January the 29th, 1750, aged 72. Also the body of Miss Ann Eden, sister to the aforesaid Rob. Eden, who died September the 30th, 1761, aged 86. M.I., St. Oswald's. Cf. Carlton, *Durham Monumental Inscriptions*, p. 309.

<sup>178</sup> On Tuesday last died in the 84th year of his age, much and deservedly lamented by his parishioners, the Rev. Dr. Johnson, prebendary of Durham, rector of Hurworth, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 17th October, 1761.

In the chancel of Hurworth there is, or was, a mural tablet with the following inscription: 'John Johnson, LL.D., vicar of Mansfield, rector of Hurworth (in his own right), prebendary of Durham, domestic chaplain to Caroline, late Princess of Wales, and justice of the peace for the county of Durham and North Riding of Yorkshire, dyed 14th October, 1761, in the 84th year of his age, much and deservedly lamented' [here follow the names of his children]. 'Mr. Wastell and Dr. Johnson, his son-in-law, were rectors of Hurworth 107 years.'

Mr. Johnson purchased an alternate turn of the presentation to the rectory of Hurworth, to which he was inducted in 1714. He was presented to the ninth stall in Durham Cathedral in 1726, obtaining by diploma, in 1731, the degree of LL.B., and in 1736 of LL.D. from the University of Oxford. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii., p. 208, vol. iii., p. 155.

1761. Jan. 13. Will of John Johnson, Doctor of Laws, one of the prebendaries of the cathedral church of Durham and rector of Hurworth. I give to my daughter, Dorothy Johnson, my lands, etc., in Washington, and those at Simonsides in Conforth, by lease from the Bishop of Durham, paying £15 per annum to John Miller of Hurworth for life. To my nephew, William Johnson

1761. Oct. 15. Morton Davison, esq.<sup>179</sup> of Beamish, married at Croft to Miss Dolly Younghusband. He about 40 and she about 27. A marriage, but not a match.

1761. Nov. 20. Cousin Thompson made vicar of Eltham in Kent, 120*l.* per annum.<sup>180</sup>

1762. Jan. 14. Dolly Johnston<sup>181</sup> was married at Hurworth to parson Nicholson, curate to her father at ye time of his death. He catched her as the fellow did his hen. She was both *peruida* and *perjura*.

1762. Feb. 22. Charles Challoner, wine merchant at York, was married at Elvet church to Miss Mally Whitfield, granddaughter to the late Matthew Whitfield of Wolsingham.<sup>182</sup>

1762. May 9. Died at Snows-green Mr. Cuthbert Smith, attorney-at-law and one of the aldermen of the city of Durham, by a fall from

of Great Newsham, co. York, gent., my lands at Great Newsham, paying £8 per annum to my nephew, George Brownless, late of Barnard Castle, tanner. On the marriage of my late daughter, Elizabeth, with Thomas Peirse of Low Worsall, otherwise Peirseburgh, gent., I conveyed to trustees my lands at East Cowton to their use and their children. I give the reversion of my lands, etc., in Melsonby, Kneeton, Gilling, C . . . . ., Thorp-under-Stone, and E . . . . . in-Hudswell, Carlingholme, and my moiety of the advowson of Hurworth to Rev. John Sharp, D.D., vicar of Hartburn, and Thomas Crosfield, of Northallerton, gent., in trust to pay annuities, etc., viz., to my niece, Ann Brownless of Hurworth, £8; nephew Thomas Brownless of Barnard Castle, weaver, £5; my niece, Harriet Johnson of Hurworth, sp., £7; and then to go after the death of the said Thomas Peirse to my daughter, Dorothy Johnson, and her sons; then to my nephew, Thomas Johnson of Great Newsham, gent., for life, and to his sons; and then to my nephew, William Johnson, and his sons; and then to my great-nephew Jonathan Hutchinson of Darlington, sadler. Each owner of the estate to take the name of Johnson, and my coat of arms to be constantly used and attend the said estates. My books on law, physic, etc., and surgery, to my uncle, the Rev. Mr. Nicholson. Proved at York, 11th March, 1762. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>179</sup> 1721. May 29. Morton, son of William Davison, esq., baptized. *Tanfield Registers.*

Last week, Murton (*sic*) Davison of Beamish, esq., was married to Miss Younghusband of this town, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 24th October, 1761.

<sup>180</sup> 1708. Sept. 9. Mr. William Thompson, vicar of Gilling, in Yorkshire, and Mrs. Ann Gyll, of the parish of St. Nicholas, in Newcastle, married. *Heighington Registers.*

These were evidently the parents of the vicar of Eltham.

<sup>181</sup> On Thursday last the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, vicar of Monkhesilden, was married at Hurworth, co. Pal., to Miss Johnson, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Johnson, of that place, a very agreeable lady, with a large fortune. *Newcastle Courant*, 16th January, 1762.

The Rev. James Nicholson was presented to the vicarage of Monk Hesleden in 1753, but resigned that benefice; he died on the 3rd May, 1771, aged 58, and his widow on the 31st January, 1772, aged 58. M.I., Hurworth.

<sup>182</sup> Monday, was married at Durham, Charles Challoner, esq., an eminent wine merchant in York, to Miss Whitfield, daughter of the late Robert Whitfield of Wolsingham, esq., a most amiable and accomplished young lady, with a fortune of £5,000. *Newcastle Courant*, 27th Feb., 1762.

his horse. He fell upon his breech, and being corpulent, his whole frame was shaken. This accident happened on ye 7th of May.<sup>183</sup>

1762. May 18. About this time Lady Mary Carr<sup>184</sup> returned from London to Cocken with her husband Ra. Carr. The report was, he was to allow her 500*l.* as a separate maintenance, and to give 1,000*l.* to buy furniture for a house.

1762. May 22. Died my worthy friend, Richard Frank, esq., of Campsall near Pontefract, recorder of that town of Doncaster. One of the worthiest men of the age.<sup>185</sup>

1762. June 8. Died at Dalton my sister, Buckton, of a long illness.

1762. Oct. 11. Died at Dalton, my brother Buckton.<sup>186</sup>

1762. Dec. Hylton Castle, with about 800*l.* a year lying about it, was sold to Mrs. Bowes of Gibside, relict of George Bowes, esq., for 33,800*l.* : and sometime before Lord Holderness sold Ask Hall in Yorkshire and the estate belonging to it, together with his borough houses in Richmond to Laurence Dundass, esq., who soon afterwards was created a baronet.<sup>187</sup>

1763. Feb. 13. Died at Richmond Mr. James Close, eldest surviving son of old James.

1763. May 29. Peace proclaimed at Durham.

<sup>183</sup> Sunday, died at Snows-green, co. Durham, Cuthbert Smith, esq., an alderman of the city of Durham. *Newcastle Courant*, 15th May, 1762.

The Smiths owned property at Snows-green in the parish of Benfieldside, and at Riding, in the parish of Bywell St. Andrew.

Robert Smith, died at Snows-green [in the parish of Benfieldside], on the 9th February, 1757 (*Newcastle Courant*, 12th February, 1757). Cuthbert Smith named in the text was mayor of Durham in 1758. On the 13th August, 1765, Ralph Smith of Snows-green, lieutenant of Clifford's Fort in the parish of Tynemouth, married Miss Fenwick of Newcastle (*Newcastle Courant*, August, 1765). He voted for the Riding at the election of Knights of the Shire in 1774, and dying on the 25th March, 1786, aged 64, he was buried at Bywell St. Andrew. He devised his property of Riding, Broomhaugh and Espershields to Robert Surtees of Milkwell-burn. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vi. pp. 211, 247, 276.

<sup>184</sup> Mr. Ralph Carr of Cocken, only son of Ralph Carr of the same place (see p. 190 *supra*), married at Staindrop, 17th October, 1752, Lady Mary Vane, daughter of Henry, first Earl of Darlington, but died *s.p.*

1781. April 9. Lady Mary Carr, wife of Ralph Carr, esq., buried. *Houghton-le-Spring Registers*.

1788. Sept. 15. Ralph Carr, esq., buried. *Ibid.*

<sup>185</sup> Cf. *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1762, p. 294.

<sup>186</sup> 1762. Oct. 10. Will of Thomas Buckton of Dalton, co. York, gen. To my daughter Jane £800 under my marriage settlement, and £150 under the will of James Bayles, deceased, my daughter's picture and Mrs. Mary Gill's picture. Residue to my son Thomas Gyll Buckton, he executor. I make Thomas Gyll esq., my brother John Buckton, and the Rev. Peter Rumney, clerk, guardians to my daughter. Proved at York, 24th February, 1763. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>187</sup> The bargain was struck when they were at dinner, and the host became the guest and Mr. Dundas became the owner of even the leg of mutton on which they were dining. Note by Canon Raine.

1763. May 28. Died in her house in South Bailey, Mrs. Middleton,<sup>188</sup> widow of my cousin, Ra. Middleton, vicar of Bossal, and brother to Francis Middleton, esq.<sup>189</sup> She was daughter of Sir George Wheler and aged 75 and upwards.

1763. June 20. About six of the clock in the evening, died of a fit of the palsey, Mr. James Hesletine, organist at the Abbey. He had a sallary of 100*l.* per annum. He was appointed organist about the year 1711, then aged 19, and was esteemed as an excellent artist on the organ. He married a daughter of Sir George Wheler but had no issue and died in very plentifull circumstances and intestate.<sup>190</sup>

1763. Aug. 15. Died at Carlton, Wingate Pullein, esq.<sup>191</sup>

1763. Oct. 11. About this time, a fellow from London, Dan Dowling, was apprehended as having tampered with a footman of Mrs. Bowes' and offering him 20,000*l.* to assist in carrying off Miss Bowes, in order to marry her to a gentleman who had employed him for that purpose. Committed by Sir Thomas Clavering, as a rogue and vagabond, to the house of correction at Durham.

John Ebden<sup>192</sup> appointed organist by the dean in the room of Mr. James Hesleton, but the chapter protested against the appointment, alledging their consent was necessary, and appealed to the bishop.

1763. Dec. 4. Died at his father's house in Old Elvet, the Rev. Mr. William Forster,<sup>193</sup> vicar of Heighington, curate of St. Nicholas

<sup>188</sup> 1763. June 1. Mrs. Frances Middleton, widow, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

1721. Nov. 28. Mr. Ralph Myddleton, vicar of Bosswel (sic), and Mrs. Frances Wheler, of Houghton, married. *Houghton-le-Spring Registers.*

<sup>189</sup> 1763. May 6. Francis Middleton, esq., of Offerton, buried. *Registers of Houghton-le-Spring.*

<sup>190</sup> On Monday last died in an advanced age at Durham, Mr. James Heseltine, organist at the cathedral, which place he possessed above 50 years, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 25th June, 1763.

1763. June 23. Mr. James Hesletine, organist, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers.*

1729 30. Feb. 24 James Hesletine, of the parish of St. Mary-le-Bow, and Frances Wheler, of the College, married. *Ibid.*

1731. June 9. Frances, wife of Mr. James Hesletine, buried. *Ibid.*

<sup>191</sup> Monday, died in an advanced age at his seat at Carlton, near Richmond, in Yorkshire, Wingate Pulleine, esq., father of Thomas Babington Pulleine, esq., of this town. *Newcastle Courant*, 20th August, 1763.

1760. Aug. 13. Will of Wingate Pulleine of Carlton Hall, esq. To my son Henry Pulleine £600. To my granddaughter Elizabeth Wilkinson £100 when 18. My son Thomas Babington Pullein executor. Proved at York, 23rd November, 1764. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>192</sup> *Query, Thomas.* In St. Oswald's Churchyard there is a headstone to the memory of Thomas Ebdon, 'who died on the 23rd of September, 1811, aged 73, having been during 48 years organist of this cathedral.' Carlton, *Durham Monumental Inscriptions*, p. 143.

1738. July 30. Thomas, son of Thomas Ebdon, cordwainer, baptized. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham.*

<sup>193</sup> Tuesday, died at Durham the Rev. Mr. Forster, vicar of Heighington. *Newcastle Courant*, 10th December, 1763.

and lecturer there. He had languished under an incurable cancer in his side, which resisted all medicine and application.

1763. Dec. 23. Abr. Gregory appointed by the Corporation lecturer at St. Nicholas. Query whether he is to pay anything out of the stipend to Thomas Drake. (They goe halves.)

1763. Dec. 30. Mr. Hartley did not invite me to his dinner, as he usually had done for many years, on a groundless and shamefull pretense. The Lord forgive him! I do, but he is *inexorabilis acer*.

1764. Feb. 18. Richard Wharton, alderman of Durham, and a justice of peace, died at London.<sup>194</sup> Remarkable for his conduct (not his impartial conduct) in the election for the city of Durham in April, 1761, at which time he was mayor and was the returning officer.

1764. April 8. Mr. John Dixon,<sup>195</sup> an eminent attorney-at-law, was this day seised in coming from Cocken, where he had dined, with an apoplectick fit; and being carried home to his house at Akleyhead near Durham, died there the next day. He died a batchellor, aged about 54. (Left his fortune to his nephew, Francis Johnson, an infant, third son of Christopher by Tabitha, only sister of ye deceased.)

1764. May 14. Died at her house in York in the 75th year of her age, Mrs. Smithson,<sup>196</sup> daughter of Willey Reveley of Newby Wisk, esq., relict of Langdale Smithson, esq., and mother of Hugh, earl of Northumberland.

Mr. Forster was presented to the vicarage of Heighington in 1749. He was probably a son of the Rev. William Forster, vicar of St. Oswald's (1725-1765).

<sup>194</sup> Last week died in London Richard Wharton, esq., one of his Majesty's justices of the peace for the county of Durham and alderman of the city of Durham. *Newcastle Courant*, 25th February, 1764.

<sup>195</sup> Monday, died at his house at Aycliff-heads Mr. John Dixon, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 14th April, 1764.

1764. April 11. Mr. John Dixon, attorney-at-law, buried. *Durham Cathedral Registers*.

He was the son of George Dixon, of Durham (who died on the 1st June, 1738, aged 76) by his second wife, Sarah, daughter of — Johnson (who died on the 3rd March, 1765, aged 89). He was baptized at St. Mary-le-Bow on 11th March, 1714/5. His brother-in-law, Christopher Johnson, died 10th December, 1787, aged 70, and Tabitha, wife of the latter, died on the 14th March, 1798, aged 85. M.I. in the Cathedral graveyard.

<sup>196</sup> York, May 15:—Yesterday morning died at her house in this city, in the 75th year of her age, greatly lamented, especially by the poor, to whom she was a great benefactress, Mrs. Smithson, daughter of Henry (sic) Reveley, esq., relict of Langdale Smithson of Stanwick, in the North Riding of this county, esq., and mother of the Earl of Northumberland. *Newcastle Courant*, 17th May, 1764.

Mr. Langdale Smithson, only son of Sir Hugh Smithson, baronet, died in his father's lifetime, having married Philadelphia, daughter of William Reveley (died 24th February, 1745/6) of Newton Underwood, in the parish of Mitford, and, *jure uxoris*, of Newby Wisk, by his wife Margery, daughter of — Willey,

1764. May 20. Died at his house at Acton in Middlesex my old friend and fellow-collegian, both at Trinity-hall and Lincoln's Inn, Sir Edward Simpson,<sup>197</sup> kt., Dean of the Arches, judge of the prerogative court of Canterbury and master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He was eldest son of Francis Simpson, gent., of Fishlake, near Doncaster, and was member of Parliament for Dover.

1764. June 7. Lady Hilton, widow of Sir Richard, died at London.<sup>198</sup>

1764. June 25. Mr. Morgan, rector of Haughton, died of a quinsey at Scarborough, after a short confinement.

*Omnia sunt hominum tenui pendentia filo.*

He was inducted to Haughton 10 June, 1764, and was buried there.<sup>199</sup>

of that place. Mrs. Smithson resided in her widowhood in St. Saviour Gate, York, with her unmarried sister, Miss Barbara Reveley. Cf. Stukeley's *Diaries*, vol. i. p. 338.

1762. Sept. 23. Will of Philadelphia Smithson of York, widow. To my dear son the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Northumberland the money he owes me upon bond on condition that he pays Elizabeth Thompson my servant £10 per annum. I also give him £100 to be laid out on something as a remembrance of me. To my dear daughter, the Countess of Northumberland, my grandson Lord Warkworth, and the Hon. Mr. Percy, each £100 to be laid out on something as a remembrance of me. To my nephew Henry Reveley, son of my brother George Reveley, £100; and to avoid giving trouble to my dear son the Earl of Northumberland I give the residue of my personal estate to my nephew Henry Reveley, esq. of Newby Wisk, paying such sums as I appoint for mourning. To my sister Crohall (?) for mourning £25; my niece Mitford £25; my niece Freeman £25; my nephew William Reveley £25. Mr. and Mrs. Symons each £20. To all the servants mourning. To the poor of St. Saviour Gate parish £10. To the poor of Aldborough in Stanwick parish £5. I desire to be privately buried; no invitations, no rings given, but as private as possible. Proved at York, 25th May, 1764. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>197</sup> Sir Edward Simpson, son of Francis Simpson of Fishlake, co. York, gent., was admitted to Lincoln's Inn, June 9, 1719, and was appointed judge of the Consistory Court and chancellor of the Diocese of London in 1747, Dean of the Arches and judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in 1758. Cf. *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1764, p. 250.

<sup>198</sup> On the 1st inst., died at Hampstead, near London, Lady Hilton, relict of Sir Richard Hilton, of Hilton Castle, in the county of Durham, bart., one of the co-heiresses of John Hedworth of Chester, in that county, esq., and sister to Lady Milbank. *Newcastle Courant*, 9th June, 1764.

<sup>199</sup> This week died at Scarborough the Rev. Mr. Morgan, chaplain to the Bishop of Durham, a prebendary of that see, and rector of Haughton, in that county. *Newcastle Courant*, 30th June, 1764.

Charles Morgan was entered at Christ Church, Oxford, 30th June, 1750, aged 17, as son of Charles Morgan of Llandovery, Carmarthenshire, gent. B.A. 1754, M.A. 1757; was chaplain to Dr. Trevor, Bishop of Durham, who in 1762 gave him the ninth stall in Durham Cathedral, which he resigned in 1764 for the rectorcy of Haughton, near Darlington. He died at the early age of 32, and was buried within the porch of Haughton church, where there is a monumental inscription. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 208, vol. iii. p. 180.

1764. Aug. 12. This morning died honest Jo. Hayes of the Queen's Head, from a stroke of the palsey.<sup>200</sup>

1764. Nov. 15. Lady Susan Lambton delivered of a son at Harraton, to the great joy of the family.<sup>201</sup>

1765. Jan. 10. Died at York Thomas Babington Pullein<sup>202</sup> of Carlton.

1765. Jan. 29. Married at St. Nicholas in Durham, Thomas Lewen, esq., *jam proiectioris etatis*, to Miss Mally Brass, *haud ita pridem juvenca*.<sup>203</sup>

1765. Feb. 21. Died at her house in London, Ann, dowager Lady Milbank.<sup>204</sup>

1765. Aug. 7. About this time died at Harrowgate in an advanced age, Thomas Wycliff, esq., of Gailes.<sup>205</sup>

1765. Sept. 25. Francis Lawson, an attorney at Darlington, aged about 62 or 63 and in good circumstances, shot himself through the head and died instantly.

1766. March 7. Died at Heighington, William Shuttleworth, esq., brother of James Shuttleworth, esq., of Forcett.<sup>206</sup>

<sup>200</sup> Sunday, died at Durham Mr. Joseph Hayes, master of the Queen's Head Inn in that city. *Newcastle Courant*, 18th August, 1764.

There is in St. Oswald's churchyard a tombstone to his memory, which gives his age as 59 years. His wife Elizabeth was buried on the 20th December, 1745. (*f. Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*.)

<sup>201</sup> 1763. Sept. 5. Major-General John Lambton, of the parish of Chester-le-Street, and the Hon. Lady Susan Lyon, married. *Houghton-le-Spring Registers*.

Thursday morning, Lady Susannah Lambton was safely delivered of a son and heir at the General's seat at Harraton, etc., etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 17th November, 1764.

<sup>202</sup> 1760. July 15. Thomas Babington Pulleine, of Sunderland-by-the-Sea, esq., and Mrs. Winifred Collingwood married. *Tynemouth Registers*. (*f. new History of Northumberland*, vol. viii. p. 325.)

<sup>203</sup> 1765. Jan. 29. Thomas Lewen, esq., and Mary Brass, both of this parish, married. *Registers of St. Nicholas', Durham*. (*f. Newcastle Courant*, 2nd February, 1765. She was a daughter of Thomas Brass of Flass. *Surtees, Durham*, vol. ii., p. 371n.)

Mr. Thomas Lewen, who is described as a barrister-at-law, married first at Lamesley, on the 6th June, 1734, Sarah, daughter and coheiress of William Bonner, of St. Anthony's, near Newcastle, by whom he had issue one son and two daughters, all of whom died unmarried and in his lifetime. His first wife was buried at St. Nicholas', Durham, on the 28th February, 1747, and he himself was buried at the same church on the 29th December, 1783.

<sup>204</sup> *Query*, Anne, widow of Sir Ralph Milbank of Halsnaby, fourth baronet, and daughter of Edward Delaval of Dissington.

<sup>205</sup> Mr. Thomas Wycliffe of Dalton Gales, in Richmondshire, was born circa 1688. He left with other issue a son, John Wycliffe of Gray's Inn and Dalton Gales. (*f. Harrison, Yorkshire*, p. 157; *Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii. p. 356.)

<sup>206</sup> 1766. Jan. 21. Will of William Shuttleworth of Heighington, esquire. To my servant Mary Antons £10 10s. at my death and £300. To Elizabeth and Mary Shuttleworth of Heighington, infants of tender years, whom I own to be my children by the said Mary Antons £700 each when 21. To Frances Shuttleworth of Heighington, an infant, my daughter £750 when 21 or married. To my son Richard Shuttleworth, an infant, now apprentice with Alderman

1766. March 27. The remains of James Lumley, esq., were brought from London and buried at Chester with his ancestors,<sup>207</sup>

1766. June 26. Died at Halnaby, that worthless animal, Captain A. M.<sup>208</sup>

1766. Sept. 23. Died of a fever at his apartments in Pall Mall, London, Doctor Brown, vicar of Newcastle, said to be *sui vindex*.<sup>209</sup>

1766. Oct. The latter end of this month died at Croft, Mrs. Smales, widow of my old cousin, Smales of Gilling. She was above 80 years old.<sup>210</sup>

Bowser of Durham, cloathier, £750 when 21 or married. John Eden of Gainforth esq. William Cornforth of Barfoot esq. and Joseph Hutchinson of Chillingham Castle, gent. executors. Codicil. My daughters to live with their mother if it is agreeable to themselves. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>207</sup> On the 14th inst. died at his house in South Audley Street, Grosvenor Square, London, the Hon. James Lumley of Lumley Castle, in the county of Durham, esquire, uncle to the present Earl of Scarborough. The estate at Lumley he has left to the Earl of Scarborough and his Sussex estate to the Earl of Halifax. *Newcastle Courant*, 22nd March, 1766.

1766. March 27. Hon. James Lumley, South Audley Street, London, buried. *Chester-le-Street Registers*.

<sup>208</sup> 1766. June 30. Captain Acclomb Milbank buried. *Croft Registers*.

<sup>209</sup> Tuesday morning, died of a fever at his apartments in Pall Mall, London, the reverend and learned Dr. Brown, vicar of this town and chaplain-in-ordinary to His Majesty, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 27th September, 1766.

<sup>210</sup> I. Thomas Smithson of Barton, who was buried there 6 Nov. 1684, had with other issue two daughters:—

Anne II.

Elizabeth, bap. 28 June, 1638; mar. 14 June, 1658, Thomas Gyll of Barton, ancestor of the Diarist.

II. Anne, married at Barton, 20 April, 1674, Matthew Smales of Gilling, who was buried at Gilling 15 Nov. 1699. She was buried 7 Nov., 1699, having had with other issue two sons:—

Matthew Smales of Gillingwood, agent of the Duke of Wharton, from whom he purchased, or acquired, the rectories of Croglin, Dean and Kirkby Stephen. He married first Alice Alderson, and secondly 'Mrs Mary Watson' of Aldborough. He was buried 19th Nov., 1732, leaving with other issue, by his first wife, Matthew Smales of Aldborough, a very capable man—in family tradition called Matthew the Terrible—and also a daughter Jane (who on the death of her brother became his sole heiress), wife of Henry Chaytor of Croft.

Francis III.

III. Rev. Francis Smales, born at Gilling, was admitted to St. John's College, Camb., 11 May, 1696, aged 18, B.A., 1699, M.A. 1703; successively rector of Wycliffe, Kirkby Stephen and of Brignal; bur. 22 May, 1730. By his marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Laton Eden, vicar of Hartburn, Northumberland, brother of Sir Robert Eden, first baronet, he had issue one son and five daughters:—

Francis IV.

Ann, bap. 9 Oct., 1710, wife of John Fenwick of Morpeth.

Jane, born 12 Nov., 1715, died in infancy.

Elizabeth, bap. 13 May, 1717.

Hannah, born 5 Sept., 1721, died in infancy.

Jane, buried at Croft 4 May, 1737.

IV. Rev. Francis Smales, born 23 Feb., 1719, vicar of Kirkby Ravensworth; married at Manfield, Yorks, Dec., 1756, Jane, only daughter of Thomas

About this time died in London Miss Lewin, daughter and only child of Thomas Lewin, esq., of Durham, possessed of a considerable fortune. She had for some years associated with the Methodists.<sup>211</sup>

1766. Dec. 19. Died at Gainford Mrs. Mawer, relict of Dr. Mawer,<sup>212</sup> vicar of Middleton Tyas, where she was buried the 22nd. She was formerly the (supposed) wife of William Coatsworth, esq., of Gateshead, who left her an annuity of 100*l.* for her life.

1767. Feb. 24. Mary Eleanor Bowes, only child and heir of the late George Bowes, esq., and who was born February 24, 1748/9, was married at London to John, earl of Strathmore. Great rejoicings<sup>213</sup>

Lancaster, and was buried 29 Oct. 1786, having had issue one son and one daughter:—

Francis V.

Anne, wife of John Wilson of Thorcroft, co. Yorks.

V. Francis Smales of Durham, solicitor, born 19 Feb., 1758, married at St. Oswald's, Durham, 4 Sept., 1784, Anne, widow of Nicholson Lightbody of Liverpool, and daughter and coheir of Richard Radcliffe of Ullock, Cumberland. He died February, 1829, aged 71, having had issue four sons and five daughters, viz. :—

Francis, bur. at St. Oswald's 7 Aug., 1786.

Francis, bap. at St. Mary-le-Bow 28 Ap., 1793; died 19 July, 1812.

William, lieutenant R.N., died at Sidmouth 26 Dec., 1831, aged 36.

Henry Smales of Durham, solicitor, afterwards of York, where he died 11 Aug., 1863, having married first Anne, only child of Robert Surtees of Cronywell, and secondly his cousin Elizabeth, daughter of John Fisher of Cockermouth. He left issue of both marriages:—

Anne, wife of John Wilson of the Hill, Brigham.

Dorothy, wife of William Thomas Greenwell of the Ford.

Elizabeth, wife of Francis Mewburn of Darlington.

Frances, died 10 Dec., 1812, unmarried.

Mary, wife of John James Wilson of London.

The following is an abstract of the will of Matthew Smales, the son, who died in November, 1732:—

1732. Oct. 25. Will of Matthew Smales of Gilling, gent. I confirm the settlement I have made for my wife, and sons Matthew, John and Francis Smales. My father left by will 10*s.* yearly to the poor of Gilling. I leave £20 to secure it. To my sister Hammond £5 per annum. To my brother Christopher Smales and his wife £25 per annum. To my son Thomas Smales £40 per annum until he enter into priest's orders and then I give him £1,000. To my son Francis Smales £200 when 21. My brother Thomas Smales. . . . . My son-in-law Henry Chaytor £100. To my son Matthew Smales the money due to me from himself, Elizabeth his wife, and Jane Close widow. To my wife £100, my china, and the pictures in the best parlour excepting my own. To my son John my books, parchments and papers. To my son Matthew Smales the silver tankard and silver with the Bower's arms which were my wife's before our intermarriage. My sons Matthew and John executors. Proved at York, 21st March, 1742. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>211</sup> Last week died in London Miss Lewin, daughter of Thomas Lewin, of Durham, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 8th November, 1766.

<sup>212</sup> 1729. Aug. 7. John Mawer, Upleatham, clerk, and Hannah Coatsworth, of the city of York, married in York Minster. *Yorkshire Arch. and Top. Journal*, vol. ii. p. 358.

<sup>213</sup> An account of the marriage rejoicings is given in the *Newcastle Courant*, 28th February, 1767. The marriage took place at St. George's, Hanover Square.

were made at Streatlam ; six sheep, two oxen and a calf were killed on the occasion, and great quantity of liquor to be given to the people. Rejoicings were also made upon the occasion at Gibside and at Mr. Liddell's at Newton, near Durham. The bells of St. Nicholas church were rung.

1767. Feb. 24. A little before this time George Mowbray, only child of Teasdale Mowbray, esq., and his sweetheart, Miss Coles of Sedgefield, broke off their intended marriage, after the marriage settlements had been prepared according to agreement and ready to be executed. Her uncle Wright was blamed for this interruption.<sup>214</sup>

1767. March 7. About this time died at Bath my worthy acquaintance, David Hilton, esq.,<sup>215</sup> barrister-at-law, having been long under a paralitick disorder. He died as though he had been sleeping, without a groan. He had enjoyed the office of steward of the bishop's Copyhold Court about 48 years. Another account says he was confined to his bed on Thursday, the 4th, and died Monday, 7th.

1767. July 6. Died at Bristow Lady Milbank. She was reckoned a wanton. Buried at Croft 22nd.

1767. July 15. Died Dr. Burton, prebendary of Durham, of an apoplectic fit. He was seized with the fit when on horseback. He was rector of Batsford in Gloucestershire, a most worthy man, and died at Batsford.<sup>216</sup>

1767. Sept. 16. Dr. Gregory, dean of Christchurch, and master of Sherborn hospital, near Durham, died in London, and was buried at Oxford with his wedding ring on a string tied to his wrist, according to his own direction.<sup>217</sup>

<sup>214</sup> George Mowbray of Ford, the only son of Teesdale Mowbray of Wolsingham, was baptized at Bishopwearmouth on the 25th September, 1739, and was admitted at Queen's College, Oxford, 24th April, 1758. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Anthony Wilkinson of Crossgate, Durham, and died on the 1st August, 1791. A pedigree of Mowbray is given in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vi. p. 364.

<sup>215</sup> On the 7th inst. died at Bath, David Hilton, esq., barrister-at law and steward of the Halmote Courts of the county palatine of Durham, etc. *Newcastle Courant*, 21st March, 1767.

1767. March 12. David Hilton, esq., buried. *Registers of St. James's, Bath*.

The youngest son of Robert Hilton, of Stockton, attorney, he was born *circa* 1698, and after being admitted to the Inner Temple, was appointed seneschal or steward by Bishop Crew, and retained the office during the episcopate of five succeeding bishops of Durham. A less favourable account of his character than that given in the text may be found in Longstaffe, Darlington, p. xxxvii.

<sup>216</sup> Dr. Thomas Burton of Christ Church, Oxford, matriculated 18th March, 1724/5, aged 14, B.A. 1728, M.A. 1731, B.D. 1741, D.D. 1744, successively vicar of St. Mary's, Oxford, rector of Batsford, prebendary of Gloucester, archdeacon of St. David's, and prebendary of the third stall in the Cathedral of Durham 1760, removed to the twelfth stall 1761, which he held until his death.

<sup>217</sup> Dr. David Gregory, son of Dr. Gregory, Savilian professor of astronomy, was of Christ Church, Oxford, where he matriculated 4th June, 1714, aged 17, B.A. 1718, M.A. 1721, B.D. and D.D. 1732, dean of Christ Church 1756-1767, regius professor of Modern History 1724-1736, master of Sherburn Hospital

1767. Oct. 6. Died at Scorton, Rev. Mr. John Noble.

1767. Nov. 9. This day I received a patent appointing me recorder of the city of Durham. A voluntary grant, *nec prece, nec pretio.*

1767. Dec. 9. Thomas Drake, a minor canon, suspended by the dean and chapter *ab officio et beneficio*, for presuming at Evening Prayers to order a singing boy to tell the organist who was playing a voluntary to give over playing. (Restored after Christmas.)

1768. Jan. Old Mrs. Kay died at Melsonby aged 84 or 85. She was daughter of William Norton of Sawley, esq.

1768. Feb. 13. Died at Kneeton, about six in the evening, my good sister, Hobson, and was buried in Middleton church the 16th.<sup>218</sup>

1768. May 15. Died Alderman Joseph Grey,<sup>219</sup> suddenly. He had been for above a year afflicted with a paralitic disorder on his right side.

1768. Aug. 20. Died at Byfleet in Surrey of an apoplexy the Rev. Mr. Spence, prebendary of Durham, and professor of modern history in the University of Oxford, a learned and amiable divine and scholar.<sup>220</sup>

1768. Sept. (? October) 8. Died at Bishop Auckland,<sup>221</sup> in an advanced age, Mrs. Agnew, wife of Major Agnew. She was the second daughter of Thomas Wilkinson, esq., of Kirkbridge, one of my godfathers.

1768. Oct. 17. The Rev. Jonathan Branfoot<sup>222</sup> opened the free school at Durham, to which he was appointed by the Dean and Chapter.

1759 to his death. He showed great benevolence to the brethren at Sherburn, demolished their rude huts and erected new buildings so that every brother might have a room to himself. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 600.

<sup>218</sup> Cf. p. 190, *supra*.

<sup>219</sup> Died at Durham Mr. Grey, an alderman of that city, a gentleman much esteemed. *Newcastle Courant*, 21st May, 1768. He was buried at St. Mary le Bow.

<sup>220</sup> The Rev. Joseph Spence was educated at Winchester school and at Magdalen-hall, Oxford, matriculated 11th April, 1717, aged 16, B.A. 1724, fellow of New College; M.A. 1727, professor of poetry 1728-1738, rector of Birchanger, Essex, 1728-1742, rector of Harwood Magna, Bucks, 1742, prebendary of the seventh stall in Durham Cathedral 1754, professor of Modern History at Oxford 1742 until his death. He was author of *Polymetis*. He is said to have fallen into a pond and to have been taken out dead. His monumental inscription at Byfleet states that in him 'learning, genius and shining talents, tempered with judgement and softened by the most excellent sweetness of manners, were greatly excelled by those truly Christian graces, humanity ever ready to assist the distressed, constant and extensive charity to the poor, and unbounded benevolence to all.' Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 200.

<sup>221</sup> Monday died at Bishop Auckland Mrs. Agnew, lady of Major Agnew of that place. *Newcastle Courant*, 15th October, 1768.

<sup>222</sup> 1783. Aug. 5. The Rev. Jonathan Branfoot, M.A., vicar of Billingham and curate of St. Nicholas, buried. *Registers of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham*. He was son of Jonathan Branfoot, master of Durham school from 1768 to 1783.

1768. Nov. 16. Rev. Mr. Rudd married at Cowton to Miss Arden of Pepper-hall.<sup>223</sup>

1769. Feb. 23. Died at Stockton, Roger Henry Gale, esq., of Scruton.<sup>224</sup>

1769. March 30. Married at London, John York of Richmond, esq., to Miss Campbell of Wimble (*sic*) Street.<sup>224a</sup>

1769. June 4. Died at Gayles, John Wycliffe, esq.<sup>224b</sup>

1769. Aug. 1. Died at his house in the South Bailey, in Durham, Mr. Ralph Trotter, aged 81. He had been for many years principle register in the Spiritual Court at Durham and was formerly page to Lady Crew, wife of Nathaniel Lord Crew, Bishop of Durham, who gave him the patent.

(Note. Sept. 2. 1768: Mr. Trotter signed the instrument of consecration of St. Ann's chapel in Newcastle as a witness along with others, and added, 'now above sixty years, register of the diocese.')

1769. Aug. 25. Died at Gilling, the Rev. Mr. Layton Etherington, vicar of Manfield and of St. John's, Stanwick. He was a very honest man, and my schoolfellow and messmate at Richmond.<sup>225</sup>

<sup>223</sup> Mr. Edward Rudd, fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and rector of Haughton-le-Skerne, married Lætitia, daughter of John Arden of Arden, and died on the 4th September, 1781, aged 45. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. pt. 2, p. 107.

<sup>224</sup> Roger Henry Gale, the only son of Roger Gale of Scruton, F.S.A., author of *Registrum Honoris de Richmond*, and grandson of the antiquary Dr. Thomas Gale, dean of York, was born *circa* 1710. He was educated at Sidney College, Cambridge, and when about thirty years of age, married Catherine, daughter of Christopher Crow of Kipling, by whom he had issue. He got into pecuniary difficulties and the library at Scruton, gathered together by his father and grandfather, was sold in 1753. Cf. *Stukeley's Diaries*, vol. i. pp. 360, 363.

<sup>224a</sup> Mr. John York was nephew of John York, mentioned above (p. 201), and son of Thomas York, by his marriage with Abigail, daughter of William Andrews of Worcester. He married first Sophia, daughter of Sir John Glynn, bart., and secondly Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Campbell of Jamaica. Cf. Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. ii. p. 282.

<sup>224b</sup> Mr. John Wycliffe of Gray's Inn and of Gales, second, but eldest surviving, son of Thomas Wycliffe, was baptized at Richmond 1 June, 1724. He left, with other issue, an eldest son Thomas, who died in 1821, the last heir male of the family. Cf. Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. White, vol. ii. p. 357.

<sup>225</sup> 1699. April 13. Layton filius Laton Etherington, curate, baptized. *Washington Registers*. He was educated at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he matriculated 12th February, 1717/8, B.A. 1721.

1741. 13 March. The Rev. Mr. Layton Etherington, curate of the chapelry of Forcett and Mrs. Ann Wycliffe of this chapelry, married. *Wycliffe Registers*.

The following is an abstract of his father's will:—

1718. 3 Sept. Will of Layton Etherington of Washington, M.A. To my eldest son, Fitzherbert Etherington, all my messuages, lands, etc., in Gilling, paying to my daughter, Dorothy Etherington, £100. Whereas my late mother, Jane Etherington, by her will dated 28th March, 1706, gave to her eldest son, Samuel Etherington, ground called Tofts, etc., and failing him and his heirs to me, Layton Etherington, her second son. If my brother Samuel die s.p., I give it to my younger son, Layton Etherington. To my son, Layton Etherington, the High-fields, the Low-pastures, the New-piece, the riggs and a ridge in the Eastfield, etc., and the Pinder's-tofts, etc., paying to my daughter, Mary Etherington, when 21, £200. To my daughter, Dorothy, £200. Residue to my wife, Mary Etherington, she executrix. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

1769. Oct. 26. Died at Durham in an advanced age, Richard Row,<sup>226</sup> formerly of St. John's College in Cambridge, and a Non-juring clergyman.

1769. Nov. 24. Died at his house in Piccadilly, London, my friend, Richard Cavendish, esq.,<sup>227</sup> Spiritual chancellor of the diocese of Durham, to whom I had been surrogate about 17 years.

1769. Dec. 1. Died at his lodgings in Durham, Captain Roland Johnston,<sup>228</sup> formerly of Bland's Dragoons. He was a native of York, aged about 72, and was buried in Bow church.

1770. Jan. 25. Henry Wastell, esq., second son of Mr. Wastell, rector of Simondburn, married, at Bow church, to Miss Patie, a milliner.<sup>229</sup>

1770. March 27. Married at Bath, — Andrews, esq., to Miss Mary Hilton, younger of the two daughters of the late David Hilton of Durham, esq., counsellor-at-law.<sup>230</sup>

1770. April 8. Died suddenly at his house in Elvet, Robert Hilton, esq., nephew of David Hilton, esq., formerly a lieutenant in Handaside's regiment of foot.<sup>231</sup>

1770. Sept. 16. Died, Nicholas Shuttleworth, esq., at his house in Durham.<sup>232</sup>

<sup>226</sup> 1689/90. Jan. 14. Richard, son of John Raw, esq., baptized. *Registers of St. Oswald's, Durham*. He was the son of a lawyer, and was educated at Durham school under Mr. Rosse, and of St. John's College, Cambridge, to which he was admitted 27th April, 1706, aged 16. He was buried at Durham Cathedral on the 29th of October, 1769. Cf. pedigree of Rowe of Plawsworth, Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 203.

<sup>227</sup> Tuesday se'nnight, died at his house in London, Richard Cavendish, esq., nephew (sic) to the Bishop of Durham, and spiritual chancellor of that diocese. *Newcastle Courant*, 2nd December, 1769. He was eldest son of Dr. Chandler, Bishop of Durham, by whom he was appointed spiritual chancellor in 1737. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Lord James Cavendish, and assumed that name by Act of Parliament. Cf. Hutchinson, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 256.

<sup>228</sup> Yesterday se'ennight, died at Durham, after a few hours illness, Captain Johnson, an officer on half-pay. *Newcastle Courant*, 9th December, 1769.

Rowland Johnson, son of Isaac Johnson, was admitted free of the city of York, 1719-1720. Cf. *Register of the Freemen of the City of York*, ed. Collins, vol. ii. p. 215. He was a captain in the 7th Regiment of Dragoons. Cf. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow*.

<sup>229</sup> Cf. pedigree of Wastell, of Simondburn and Hexham Spital. *New History of Northumberland*, vol. iii. p. 312.

<sup>230</sup> Miss Mary Hilton, daughter of David Hilton of Durham, by his second wife, Catherine, daughter and coheir of John Morland of Windlestone, was baptized at St. Mary-le-Bow, Durham, 19th June, 1736; by her husband Mr. Andrews, described as of Wells, she had issue a son, Robert Andrews, a clergyman. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 7th April, 1770.

<sup>231</sup> Last Sunday, died at his house in Durham, in the 50th year of his age, Captain Robert Hilton, much and deservedly lamented. He served in the 13th regiment of foot in the campaign of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland. *Newcastle Courant*, 14th April, 1770. He was son of Lancelot Hilton, attorney, and was born at Stockton in 1720: he married at Houghton-le-Spring, 6th July, 1745, Margaret, daughter of Rev. Robert Blakiston, vicar of Merrington. He was buried at St. Oswald's, Durham, and left issue. Cf. Longstaffe, *Darlington*, Hilton pedigree, No. 4.

<sup>232</sup> I. Nicholas Shuttleworth of Forcett (a scion of the family of Shuttle-

1771. May 10. Died at Thorp Perrow, John Milbank, esq.<sup>233</sup>

1771. March 1. My old acquaintance, Mr. Henry Wastel, rector of Simondburn, died.<sup>234</sup>

worth of Gawthorp), married at St. Oswald's, Durham, 28th September, 1671, Elizabeth, daughter of John Moor, of Berwick-on-Tweed, and had issue:—Richard, baptized at St. Oswald's, 17th December, 1672, buried at Durham cathedral, 2nd October, 1704, will dated 29th September, 1704; Thomas, baptized at St. Oswald's, 27th December, 1674; Nicholas II., baptized at St. Oswald's, 1st July, 1678; Utrick, baptized at St. Oswald's, 26th December, 1682; Elizabeth, baptized at St. Oswald's, 10th February, 1673/4; Fleetwood (a daughter), baptized at St. Oswald's, 16th May, 1676.

II. Nicholas Shuttleworth of Durham, third son of Nicholas Shuttleworth and Elizabeth (Moor) his wife, married at St. Oswald's, 24 August, 1703, Mrs. Lucy Blakiston, and had issue:—Richard, baptized at St. Oswald's, 5th May, 1704, buried 14th July, 1705; Nicholas III., baptized at St. Oswald's, 8th May, 1706 (after his father's death); Elizabeth, baptized at St. Oswald's, 1st May, 1705. He made his will on the 2 September, 1705, and named his lands in Norham and Islandshires, his lands at Hurworth, and his share of the tithes of Bywell. He was buried at St. Oswald's on the 13th September, 1705, as 'Mr. Nicholas Shuttleworth, grocer.' His widow married secondly at St. Oswald's, 14 July, 1713, Mr. Thomas Philipson, to whom she had issue and died in December, 1753.

III. Nicholas Shuttleworth, posthumous and only surviving son of Nicholas Shuttleworth and Lucy (Blakiston) his wife, married at St. Oswald's, 25th September, 1729, Elizabeth, daughter of [Humphrey] March, and died 16th September, 1770, having had issue:—Richard, baptized at St. Oswald's, 21st September, 1731; of Lincoln College, Oxford, 1749, B.A., 1753; Nicholas, baptized at St. Oswald's, 5th August, 1734, died on his voyage to the East Indies, administration of his personal estate, 21st December, 1752; Humphrey, baptized at St. Oswald's, 2nd March, 1735/6, of Christ Church, Oxford, vicar of Preston, co. Lancaster, and prebendary of York; Ann, baptized at St. Oswald's 8th September, 1730, and married 29th May, 1750, John Smith, M.D., of Durham; Elizabeth, baptized at St. Oswald's, 25th December, 1732. He died as recorded in the text on Sunday, 16 September, 1770.

Sunday, died at Durham, Nicholas Shuttleworth, esq., a gentleman greatly respected by all his friends and acquaintance: and on Tuesday his remains was interred at St. Oswald's in that city, the pall being supported by William Lambton, John Tempest, sen., John Tempest, jun., . . . . Forster and William Salvin, esquires, and the Rev. Mr. Weston. *Newcastle Courant*, 22nd September, 1770.

1769. March 7. Will of Nicholas Shuttleworth, of New Elvet, Durham. I give all my lands in Durham, Northumberland, etc., to my eldest son, Richard Shuttleworth, and his heirs, etc., charged with the payment of my debts; with £200 per annum to my daughter Elizabeth Shuttleworth for her life, and with a payment of £500 to her at my death; also with the payment of £100 per annum to my son Humphrey Shuttleworth, and a legacy of £800 at my death. To my two sisters [in law] Mrs. Anne and Martha March £50 a piece. Residue to my son Richard. Proved at York, 1771. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>233</sup> For his son's death, see p. 227, *post.*

<sup>234</sup> Mr. Henry Wastell, son of John Wastell of Ainderby Steeple, was baptized at Bolton-on-Swale on the 19th February, 1689, was presented to the rector of Simondburn in 1723, and held the same until his death. He married at St. Andrew's, Auckland, 15th May, 1735, Frances, daughter of William Bacon of Staward in Northumberland and of Newton Cap in the county of Durham, and had (perhaps with other) issue four sons, John, Henry, Bacon William and Leonard. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iii. p. 312.

1771. Sept. 20. Died at Acorn-bank, Sir William Dalston, knight, unmarried ; and a short time before his death died at Coatum Hall-garth his nephew, Will. Norton ; both buried in the family vault in Temple Sowerby church.<sup>235</sup>

1771. Nov. 17. Last night a most violent flood happened in the river Wear. It broke down the New-bridge next to the South Bailey in Durham, and left only a small arch standing at the north end. It carried away a mill belonging to the Dean and Chapter on the side of South-street, and did great damage to the houses in both the Elvets ; much damage at Sunderland. Yarum suffered greatly by the flood in the Tees, and Tyne bridge was broke by the overflowing of the Tyne, two or three arches destroyed.<sup>236</sup>

1772. Jan. 31. Died at Hurworth, Mrs. Nicholson, relict of the late Rev. Mr. Nicholson, and daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Johnson of that place. Her maiden name was Dorothy *sed non donum Dei*.<sup>237</sup>

1772. May. This month a temporary bridge was built over the river Wear.

1772. June 28. Died, James Shuttleworth of Forcett.<sup>238</sup>

<sup>235</sup> On the 20th ult., died at his seat at Acorn-bank, in Westmorland, Sir William Dalston, knight. A little before his death he received an account of the death of his nephew, William Norton of Hallgarth, in the county of Durham, esq. After reading it he said, 'I shall not be long after him.' Last week both their remains were interred in the family vault in Temple Sowerby church. *Newcastle Courant*, 5th October, 1771. Sir William Dalston being the last male heir of that ancient family was succeeded by his sister Mary, wife of William Norton. Cf. Nicholson and Burn, *Westmorland and Cumberland*, vol. i. p. 384.

<sup>236</sup> Richardson, *Local Historian's Table Book*, vol. ii. p. 199.

<sup>237</sup> The 31st ult., died at Hurworth nigh Darlington, after a tedious and painful illness, which she bore with the greatest fortitude and resignation, Mrs. Nicholson, relict of the late Rev. Mr. Nicholson, and daughter of the Rev. Dr. Johnson of the same place, a lady of a sincere friendly and humane disposition, which renders her death an irreparable loss to her acquaintance and to the poor in that neighbourhood. *Newcastle Courant*, 15th February, 1772.

In the chancel of Hurworth there is a monument to the memory of the Rev. James Nicholson, who died on the 3rd May, 1771, aged 58 years, and to that of Dorothy, his wife, who died 31st January, 1772, aged 58 years.

<sup>238</sup> 1772. 14 March. Will of James Shuttleworth, of Forcett, esq. Recites the marriage articles made 12th and 13th May, 1742, between myself as eldest son of Richard Shuttleworth, esq., and Mary Holden, only child of Robert Holden, of Ashton-upon-Trent (now my wife), to receive £1,500 a year, to my wife, the said Mary. I have issue by my said wife, Robert Shuttleworth, my eldest son, and James Holden, William Shuttleworth, Charles Shuttleworth, Mary, wife of Charles Turner, of Kirkleathan, esq., and Elizabeth Shuttleworth. I give £3,000 apiece to James Holden, William, Charles, Mary and Elizabeth Shuttleworth. The marriage articles of my daughter Mary, dated 28th September, 1771. I give to my wife my leasehold house in Downing Street and Fludge (*sic*) Street, Westminster. Residue to my son Robert ; he executor. Pr. at York, April, 1774. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

1772. July 8. John Frankland,<sup>239</sup> grandson of Mr. Anthony Frankland of Richmond, married to Miss Brown, at Elvet church, daughter of the famous high sheriff of Northumberland. She was *gravida facta*.

1772. Aug. 17. The first stone of the new bridge at Durham was laid by Dr. Spencer Cowper, Dean of Durham, attended by many persons, and, amongst others, by many freemasons.

1772. Nov. 23. Died after inoculation, little Nancy Hartley, daughter of my nephew, L. Hartley.

1772. Nov. 25. Died at Hartburn in Northumberland, the Rev. Thomas Sharp, B.D., curate of Bamborough, of a fit of the cholick. He was the second son of Dr. Thomas Sharp, prebendary of Durham.<sup>240</sup>

1773. Nov. 25. Died at his chambers in Grey's Inn, Mr. Thomas Smith,<sup>241</sup> aged 80 years, who had the long contested law suit with Lord Pomfret about the lead mine in Swaledale, in which he at last succeeded after three appeals to the House of Lords, and two trials at law, the last of which was at the bar of the King's Bench, the beginning of Michaelmas term, 1772. He was a schoolfellow of mine at Richmond under Mr. William Thompson, but considerably my senior.

1773. Jan. 15. Died at his house in Newcastle in an advanced age, Dr. Adam Askew. He fell backwards going upstairs a few days before, carried speechless to bed, and continued in this state

<sup>239</sup> Thursday, was married at Durham, Mr. Frankland, of that city, to Miss Brown, of Bolton, in Northumberland; a young lady of the most amiable accomplishments with a fortune of £200 per annum. *Newcastle Courant*, 11th July, 1772.

Mr. John Frankland, of Durham, was son of William Frankland by his marriage with Winifred, daughter of Sir John Webb, bart., and died on the 27th of April, 1822, aged 85. His monumental inscription at St. Pancras, London, describes him as of the Polygon, Somers-town, and states that 'he was of the Roman Catholic religion and a model of real piety and virtue.' By his marriage with Eleanor, daughter and coheiress of Nicholas Brown, of Bolton (who was buried at St. Oswald's, Durham, on the 29th August, 1785), he had (with other) issue two sons, John Frankland, of West Branton, major 63rd regiment, who died at Alnwick on the 21st October, 1833; and William, a twin, baptized with his brother at St. Oswald's, Durham, on the 15th October, 1774.

Anthony Frankland was a kinsman of the diarist; cf. p. 120 *supra*.

<sup>240</sup> Mr. Sharp's father was also rector of Rothbury, at which place he was baptized on the 2nd April, 1725, as 'Thomas, son of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Sharp, archdeacon of Northumberland and rector of Rothbury.'

The *Newcastle Courant* of the 28th November, 1772, in noticing his death states that he was 'a person in whom were happily united the important characters of a faithful and pious minister, a sound and learned divine, a sincere and affectionate friend and a truly charitable and honest man.' He was buried in St. Nicholas' church, Newcastle, near his late wife.

<sup>241</sup> Thomas Smith, second son of Thomas Smith, late of Brignal, co. York, clerk, was admitted to Gray's Inn, on the 23rd June, 1718.

to his death. He was a very eminent phisitian, but a man who had not sacrificed to the Graces, whatever he might have offered to Apollo. Very rich.<sup>242</sup>

1773. Oct. 27. Mr. Robert Hutchinson,<sup>243</sup> scholar of Sidney College, Cambridge, son of Mr. William Hutchinson, attorney-at-law, died at his father's house in Durham. He had been formerly train-bearer to Bishop Trevor, and was a very sober, ingenious young man. His illness was a slow feaver and asthma.

1773. Nov. 11. My nephew, Thomas Gyll Buckton, died at Barton.

1773. Nov. 20. Married at Richmond, John Aud, an upper agent, and Sarah Gill, an under agent of George Hartley, esq.

1773. Nov. 25. Died at Durham, after a tedious illness, Mrs. Randal, wife of Mr. Thomas Randal, vicar of Ellingham.

1774. Feb. 7. Part of the temporary bridge of Durham was broke by the weight of iron (*query* ice) forced against it upon a thaw.

1774. March 25. This morning, about four of the clock, died at the Deanery in Durham, the Honorable and Reverend Spencer Cowper, D.D., Dean of Durham.<sup>244</sup> Buried at the Nine Altars, near his friend, Dr. Bland, April 2.

1774. Sept. 22. The meeting of the Sons of the Clergy, held for the first time at Durham. The former meetings were allways held at Newcastle. For the future to be held alternately.

<sup>242</sup> Yesterday se'nnight, died at his house in Westgate Street, in the 77th year of his age, Adam Askew, esq., M.D. He had practised physic near 50 years in this town with the greatest reputation and was justly allowed to be the most eminent physician in the North of England. By his practice he acquired an immense fortune. On Tuesday his remains were interred in the family vault at St. John's, the pall being supported by Sir Edward Blackett, bart., Matthew Ridley, Edward Collingwood, Christopher Fawcett, Gawan Ainsley, Ralph William Grey, Thomas Charles Bigge, and Matthew Waters, esquires. *Newcastle Courant*, 23rd January, 1773.

1773. Jan. 19. Adam Askew, esq., buried. *St. John's Register*, Newcastle.

The son of Anthony Askew, M.D., of Kendal, he was educated at the grammar school there under Mr. Moor, and at St. John's College, Cambridge, to which he was admitted on the 24th May, 1714, aged 17. See also Mr. Richard Welford's *Men of Mark*.

<sup>243</sup> He was apparently a brother of William Hutchinson, F.S.A., author of the Histories of Northumberland, Cumberland and Durham, so often quoted in the foot notes printed in these pages. In the *History of Durham*, vol. i. p. 580, there is a portrait of Bishop Trevor after Robert Hutchinson.

<sup>244</sup> Dr. Spencer Cowper, dean of Durham from 1746 to 1774, was a son of Lord Chancellor William Cowper (created Earl Cowper in 1718), by his second wife Mary, daughter of John Clavering, of Chopwell, whose journal was published in 1865 under the title of *Diary of Mary Countess Cowper, Lady of the Bedchamber to the Princess of Wales: 1714-1720*.

Dean Cowper married Dorothy, daughter of Viscount Townsend, 'and after a life spent in a steady, uniform practice of unaffected piety, friendship, humanity, hospitality and charity, died at the deanery in the 62nd year of his age on the 25th day of March, 1774.' M.I. Durham Cathedral.

1774. Sept. 30. Died at York, aged 72, greatly lamented by all his acquaintance, my worthy friend and fellow collegian at Trinity Hall, William Stables, esq.,<sup>245</sup> commissary of the Dean and Chapter Court of York, one of the city councillors and recorder of Richmond. He was many years surrogate of the chancellor of York, which he resigned in 1774.

1774. Nov. 12. Died at Middleton, Leonard Hartley, esq., in the 86th year of his age; about 7 in the evening.

1775. Feb. 4. Mrs. Shaftoe of Whitworth brought to bed of a son and heir. The bells at the Abbey rung on the 5th, in the morning.<sup>246</sup>

1775. Feb. 8. The wife of Mr. Liddle of Newton,<sup>247</sup> brought to bed of a son. Mr. Liddle run his wife against Mrs. Shaftoe, *i.e.*, he laid a wager of twenty-five guineas with Sir John Eden, that Mrs. Liddle was brought to bed before Mrs. Shaftoe, which he lost.

1775. March 17. Died, Ralph Harrison, attorney-at-law, suddenly, whilst riding to take the air near Stonebridge.<sup>248</sup>

1775. July 14. Rev. Ra. Gelson, vicar of Merrington and a minor canon, became *sui vindex* by help of a penny cord.<sup>249</sup>

In this month Mark Milbanke, esq., of Thorp in Yorkshire, fell from a hay-rick and died very soon after.<sup>250</sup>

1775. Oct. 8. Died at his house in Durham, Robert Spearman,<sup>251</sup> esq., owner of Thornley, aged about 24; a young man of good parts but irreligious.

1775. Oct. 25. Died at Ellingham in Northumberland, my friend the Rev. Thomas Randal,<sup>252</sup> vicar of that place. He was

<sup>245</sup> Cf. *Gent.'s Mag.* 1774, p. 494.

<sup>246</sup> Last Sunday the wife of Robert Shafto of Whitworth, esq., was safely delivered of a son and heir, on which joyful occasion the bells in Durham were set on ringing. *Newcastle Courant*, 11th February, 1775.

<sup>247</sup> Cf. pedigree of Liddell. *Surtees, Durham*, vol. ii. p. 212.

<sup>248</sup> 1775. March 20. Mr. Ralph Harrison buried. *Register of St. Margaret's, Durham*.

<sup>249</sup> 1775. July 16. The Rev. Mr. Gelson buried. *Registers of St. Margaret's, Durham*. He was eldest son of Ralph Gelson of Durham by Rebecca Rowell his wife, and baptized at St. Margaret's on the 15th May, 1719: cf. *The Registers of Durham Cathedral*, ed. White, p. 60 n. He was educated at Lincoln College, Oxford, matriculated 24th March, 1736/7, B.A. 1740, perpetual curate of St. Giles', Durham, 1768, and the same year vicar of Kirk Merrington.

<sup>250</sup> By his will dated 23rd July, 1775, Mr. Mark Milbank of Thorp Perrow gave his estate to his three sisters, Mary, Jane and Elizabeth, all of whom died unmarried. Miss Jane Milbank, the last survivor of the three, by will dated 20th June, 1791, gave her real and other estate to William Melville, who was to take the name of Milbank.

<sup>251</sup> Sunday, died at his house in Durham, in the flower of his age, after a lingering illness, Robert Spearman of Thornley, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 14th October, 1775.

<sup>252</sup> Thursday se'nnight, at Ellingham in Northumberland, the Rev. Mr.

born at or near Eaton, had his academical education in Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and was many years usher to Mr. Richard Dongworth at Durham. (He bequeathed to me Bayle's *Dictionary*, 5 volumes folio, and Willis' *Cathedrals*, 3 volumes).

1775. Nov. 20. Died in Furnival's Inn, London, my cousin, John Thompson, of an astmatick complaint inclined to dropsy.

1776. May 13. Died at her house in York, in the 79th year of her age, Mrs. Mary Wharton,<sup>253</sup> a daughter of Anthony Wharton, formerly of Gilling-wood and sister of the late William Wharton, esq.

1776. Nov. 15. Died at her house in Old Elvet, Mrs. Barbara Forcer, spinster, the last of an ancient family<sup>254</sup> of that name, and was buried at the chappel at Harbour House, in the parish of St. Margaret Crosgate. A Roman Catholick.

1777. May 9. Died at Durham, in the 21st year of her age, Miss Mary Spearman, second daughter of the late Robert Spearman, esq., and was buried the 14th at Sedgefield. Was thought handsome.<sup>255</sup>

1777. Dec. 14. Died at his house in Durham, Mr. William Hutchinson, attorney-at-law.<sup>256</sup>

1778. April 7. Died at Croft, Francis Milbank,<sup>257</sup> rector, after

Randall, vicar of that place, and on Monday his corpse passed through here for Durham for interment. *Newcastle Courant*, 4th November, 1775.

1775. Oct. 30. Rev. Thomas Randall buried. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow, Durham*.

He was educated at Eton and at Corpus Christi College, Oxford; matriculated 21st July 1731; B.A. 1735; headmaster of Durham School and vicar of Whitworth in 1760; vicar of Ellingham, 1768. Mr. Randal's *State of the Churches under the Archdeaconry of Northumberland* is generally, but not always bound up with Hutchinson's *Northumberland*. His archaeological manuscripts and collections are preserved in the Cathedral Library at Durham.

<sup>253</sup> "Her house" was in Micklegate (in 1876 occupied by Messrs. Baynes and Duffill). She was survived by her sister Margaret and the house is said to have been haunted by Peg (sic) Wharton's ghost.' Note by the late Canon Raine. Cf. Harrison, *Yorkshire*, p. 94.

<sup>254</sup> Some notices of the history of the Forcers may be found under Thockrington, where the family was settled as early as the thirteenth century, in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv. p. 399. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iv. p. 148.

<sup>255</sup> She was daughter of Robert Spearman of Old Acres in the parish of Sedgefield. If 'innocence of life and a truly benevolent disposition could have prolonged her existence upon earth, many had been her days!' Monumental inscription, Sedgefield.

<sup>256</sup> 1777. Dec. 16. Mr. William Hutchinson, attorney-at-law, buried. *Registers of St. Mary le Bow, Durham*.

He was father of William Hutchinson, F.S.A., the Durham historian.

<sup>257</sup> Died Tuesday se'nnight, after a lingering illness, the Rev. Francis Milbanke, rector of Croft in the North Riding of Yorkshire, brother to Sir Ralph Milbank, bart. *Newcastle Courant*, 18th April, 1778.

1776. Dec. 9. Will of Francis Milbank of Croft, clerk. My nephew Ralph Milbank, esq., in the Navy Service, executor. To my nephew Edward Milbank,

a lingering illness, a son of the first Sir Ralph Milbank; *vinosus, amator, sic fama volat*; unmarried.

1778. Aug. 2. My sister, Hartley, died about 11 in the forenoon after a long confinement in bed, with as little struggle as possible, in the 82nd year of her age, and was buried privately as she desired, and was accordingly interred at Middleton.

1778. Oct. 20. Died at Durham, where he came for the benefit of the air, the Rev. Mr. Robinson,<sup>258</sup> rector of Seaham. He married Alice, one of the daughters of Robert Hartley, formerly of Hartford, in the parish of Gilling; gent.

As stated in the introduction, the diarist died on the 20th of March, 1780, and was buried at Barton, where the following inscription was dedicated to his memory:

'Near this wall is interred Thomas Gyll, esq., equally esteemed for his knowledge of the Common and Canon Law, and for his integrity in the practice of both. At the Bar, an advocate in the former, on the Bench a judge in the latter. Nor was he less distinguished for his accuracy in the history and antiquities of his country. By a steady discharge of the duties of his station, both in public and private life, and by a constant and devout attendance on the public worship, he was an example worthy of imitation. He died in his 80th year, 1780. To the memory of his truly valuable character, Leonard Hartley, his nephew and heir, placed this tablet.'<sup>259</sup>

my watch. To my servant Jane Robinson, the silver plate which have no family crest on. My body to be buried in a leaden coffin and not to be closed up till quite offensive. My nephews to divide the arms and horses and silver plate. Pr. at York, Jan. 1779. Raine, *Test. Ebor.*

<sup>258</sup> Died Tuesday night at Durham, the Rev. Mr. Robinson, vicar of Seaham in the county of Durham. *Newcastle Courant*, 24th October, 1778.

1778, Oct. 23. The Rev. Mr. John Robinson, M.A., rector (*sic*) of Seaham (died at Durham 20 Oct.), buried. *Seaham Registers.*

The Rev. John Robinson, M.A., was instituted to the vicarage of Seaham on the 14th September, 1741.

<sup>259</sup> Anne, sister of the Diarist, married Francis Hartley of Middleton Tyas, and had issue a son Leonard Hartley, and three daughters, Margaret, Alice and Anne. Leonard Hartley, the son, married his cousin Jane, daughter of Thomas Buckton of Dalton Gales by Jane Gyll his wife, and had issue two sons, viz., Francis Hartley of Middleton Tyas and George Hartley of Lincoln's Inn, barrister-at-law, and four daughters, viz., Jane, wife of John Charge, Anne, Mary wife of Archibald Campbell, and Elizabeth. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. iii. p. 338.

## THE DIARY OF NICHOLAS BROWN.

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### INTRODUCTION.

Nicholas Brown, attorney in Alnwick and coroner for Northumberland, was born *circa* 1722, being the son of John Brown [of Chillingham] and grandson of William Brown, proprietor of a small property at Alndyke in the parish of Alnwick and tenant of the farm of Hawkhill in the parish of Lesbury. He served his articles with Mr. Robert Claxton, a leading attorney in Alnwick, was admitted free of the Skinners and Gloves Company in 1748 and was soon afterwards elected a member of the 'Four and Twenty of the Borough of Alnwick,' as the municipal authority was then styled. In 1749 he married at St. Nicholas's church, Newcastle, Miss North, who, in the marriage announcement in the *Newcastle Courant* of 22 July, 1749, is described as 'an agreeable young lady with a handsome fortune.' On the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Brown, on the 16 February, 1752, at the advanced age of 95, he succeeded to the property at Alndyke which, however, was incumbered and was sold by order of the Court of Chancery in 1762.

As may be inferred from entries in the diary, Nicholas Brown was a lover of cock-fighting, and the name is still remembered of his game-cock, 'Bold Ratler,' which may have won some of his victories in a pit which once existed in a building, still standing in Pottergate, distinguished by its pyramidal roof covered with bright red pantiles. Mr. Brown resided in Narrowgate. Most of his family were born there. He died on the 12th August, 1797, aged 75, apparently at the same address.

Went] Forster of Alnwick ; bond of mar-  
er, 1681 ; married 20th November, 1681  
, aged 94 ; buried 19th February, 1752  
5th July, 1743 ; proved at Durham, 1752

J 8th May, 1707, Nicholas Brown of East  
30th August, 1713, Thomas Adams of Long  
st July, 1719, Thomas Park of Alnwick,  
the family of Park of Warton.  
th April, 1696 (b) ; married 29th December,  
aylor of the parish of Bamburgh (a).  
t date of her mother's will.  
ed at date of her mother's will [married 31st  
aniel Tibbs (a)].  
March, 1698/9 (b).

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uly, 1725 (d) ; named in her grandmother's  
ill ; died at Alnwick, unmarried, 22nd  
anuary, 1783. §

Je Horsley, afterwards of Darlington, surgeon.  
..... Dring of Smithfield Bar, London.  
3th November, 1743, aged 83.  
1 May, 1858.

he Diary.  
*Newcastle Courant*, 22nd July, 1749.  
*Ibid.*, 28th March, 1778.

ndike, etc., to my wife Jane and her heirs for  
ever.

I give to my son-in-law, William Taylor of  
S Aledike in trust to pay my legacies, etc.  
T To my son William, £5. To my grandson,  
J apiece. The children of my late daughter,  
D ildren of my late daughter, Park, deceased.  
M He executor. Proved at Durham, 1752.

hillingham, buried. *Alnwick Registers*.



## THE DIARY.\*

## MEMORANDUMS FROM FORMER PAPER.

1767. June 11. Married, Davison Rd. Greive, esq., and Miss Botterill, daughter of Captain Botterill of Shields.†

1769. May 28. Married, Robert Lisle, esq., of Newcastle and Miss Richardson, daughter of Doctor Richardson.‡

1777. Jan. 3. Mr. William Cuthbert, attorney at law in Newcastle, married to Miss Hodgson.<sup>1</sup>

1777. Jan. 11. Miss M. Brown from London on a visit to her friends.

1777. Jan. 15. Mr. William Wilkin, an able mathematician in Alnwick, died, aged 24.<sup>2</sup>

1777. Jan. 19. J. Percy Charlton, youngest son of William Charlton, esq., died, aged 5.<sup>3</sup>

1777. Jan. 22. Mr. John Cook of Eastfield died. It's said his estate will go among his three sisters, all married.<sup>4</sup>

1777. Jan. 31. William Ord, esq., of Fenham<sup>5</sup> was appointed

\* The entries dealing with and remarking on the weather, have not been printed.

† Cf. pedigree of Grieve of Swarland, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 399.

‡ Cf. pedigree of Lisle of Elyhaugh, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 381.

<sup>1</sup> The date given in the text is incorrect, for the *Newcastle Courant* of 5 Oct., 1776, has amongst the marriage announcements, 'Wednesday, at St. Nicholas' Church, Mr. William Cuthbert, attorney-at-law, to the very amiable Miss Hodgson.' The bride was Anne, daughter of John Hodgson of Elswick, and of the marriage there was issue an only son also named William, who in 1835 purchased the ancient heritage of the Erringtons at Peafront, near Hexham.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. William Wilkin was a schoolmaster in Alnwick who, as is stated in his epitaph in Alnwick churchyard, 'acquired a most extensive knowledge of mathematics. . . . but . . . ere his genius had reached its meridian, . . . the small-pox, as if envious of his growing lustre, extinguished this lamp of science. The *Newcastle Courant* of 18 Jan., 1777, says that he was self-taught.

<sup>3</sup> Percy Thomas Charlton, son of William Charlton of Lee-hall, in Tyndale, commissioner of the first Duke of Northumberland, died of small pox. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 25 Jan., 1777.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. John Cook, of Sturton Grange East-field, was the eldest son of John Cook of that place, by his wife Deborah, daughter of Captain Henry Whitehead, of Boulmer. He was survived by his widow, who obtained in Feb., 1777, letters of administration of his personal estate, and also by his three sisters, Margaret, wife of John Cook, master and mariner; Ann, wife of Thomas Storrer of Rothbury; and Deborah, wife of Edward Cook, sometime of Newham.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. William Ord was eldest son of William Ord of Fenham, near Newcastle, who purchased Whitfield in 1750. He died 6 July, 1789, leaving issue. His widow, Eleanor, daughter of Charles Brandling, married secondly Thomas Creevy, whose memoirs published in 1903, created considerable interest and raised some controversy.

high sheriff for the county of Northumberland. Mr. William Hunter of Hexham, his under-sheriff.<sup>6</sup>

1777. Feb. 1. Mrs. Lowes, wife of Mr. Lowes of Hexham, died.<sup>7</sup>

1777. Feb. 11. Sir Walter Blackett, bart., died at London of an ulcer in the liver.<sup>8</sup>

Mrs. Waters, of Newcastle, died.

1777. Feb. 15. Mr. John Proctor of Dunston died.<sup>9</sup>

1777. Feb. 18. Captain Egerton, son of the bishop of Durham, elected member for Morpeth without opposition.<sup>10</sup>

1777. Feb. 27. Day of election for a member for Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the room of Sir Walter Blacket, bart., deceased. Candidates, Sir John Trevillian, bart.,<sup>11</sup> Andrew Robinson Bowes, esq.

1777. March 1. Mr. Michael Coulter of Lesbury died.<sup>12</sup>

1777. March 4. The [Newcastle] Poll stood thus, 528 each.

“	8.	“	“	804	“
“	10.	“	“	864	“
“	11.	“	“	948	“
“	12.	“	“	1,020	“
“	13.	Trevelyan	1,152, Bowes	1,054	“
“	14.	“	1,163	“	1,068

<sup>6</sup> Mr. William Hunter, son of Isaac Hunter of Dukesfield-hall, was baptised at Slaley, 27 Aug., 1734, and practised as a solicitor in Hexham. By his wife, Esther, daughter and coheir of Lancelot Allgood of Riding, he had issue six sons and a daughter.

<sup>7</sup> Mr. Robert Lowes of Hexham, baptised 24 July, 1717, was third son of John Lowes of Ridley-hall in Haltwhistle, and died s.p. 18 Oct., 1793. His wife, whom he married at Edmonbyers, 3 Nov., 1750, was Miss Colling, sister of John Colling of Long Newton, co. Durham. She died, January, 1777, and was buried with some pomp in Hexham Priory Church. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 25 Jan., 1777.

<sup>8</sup> Walter Calverley was son of Sir Walter Calverley of Calverley in Yorkshire, by Julia, sister of Sir William Blackett of Newcastle, whose natural daughter he married, and in 1734 he assumed the name of Blackett. A sympathetic memoir of him may be found in Mr. Welford's *Men of Mark 'twixt Tyne and Tweed*.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. John Proctor of Dunston-hall, a scion of the ancient family of Proctor of Shawdon and Rock, married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of the Rev. William Ion, vicar of Warkworth, by whom he had a numerous issue. He was buried at Embleton.

<sup>10</sup> Captain John William Egerton was elected M.P. for Morpeth in the room of Sir Gilbert Elliott who had accepted the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds.

<sup>11</sup> Sir John Trevilian, who succeeded to the representation of Newcastle, was nephew and a devisee of Sir Walter Blackett. His opponent was the notorious Irish adventurer, Andrew Robinson, who cajoled the Countess of Strathmore into accepting him as her husband, and on his marriage assumed the name of Bowes.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Michael Coulter held a small estate at Lesbury by lineal descent from William Herrison, the last abbot of Alnwick, who after the dissolution of religious houses seems to have married. He was son of William Coulter of the same place by his marriage with Sarah, sister of John Proctor of Dunston-hall, mentioned above, and was baptised at Lesbury, 27 Dec., 1712. By his wife, Bridget, daughter and coheiress of Michael Pemberton of Bainbridge-holm, co. Durham, he had issue, two sons, who survived him.

Then finally closed and Sir John Trevelyan, bart., declared duly elected by Charles Thomas Lorraine, esq., sheriff for Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

1777. March 29. Mr. Bowes and Mr. G. Greive set off for London to have the sentiments of the House of Commons upon the return.<sup>1</sup>

1777. April 1 and 2. Luke Wriglesworth and John Augustus Anthony Lindoe (duke of Northumberland's porter) were interred.

1777. April 3. Died, Nicholas Fenwick, esq., at Rothbury, a commissioner in the Lottery.<sup>2</sup>

1777. April 5. Died, Edward Bell, son of Mr. Edward Bell, merchant, in Alnwick.<sup>3</sup>

1777. April 9. [Died] Thomas Butler, esq., steward to duke of Northumberland.

1777. April 10. An account came of the birth of another daughter of Lady Algernon Percy's: guns fired, etc.<sup>4</sup>

1777. April 14. Nathaniel Tibbs of Longhoughton died.<sup>5</sup> Sir William Carr, bart., of Etall died.<sup>6</sup>

1777. April 17. My daughter Margaret Brown set off for Sunderland to serve Mrs. Robson two years as a milliner: £25 sum paid.<sup>7</sup>

1777. June 3. Right Hon. Earl Percy returned to England from Rhode Island in North America.

1777. June 17. Sir Matthew White Ridley, bart., married to Miss Coleman (*sic*) £70,000.<sup>8</sup>

1777. June 27. Doctor Dodd was executed for forgery; a bond for £4,200 upon earl of Chesterfield.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This was the restless George Grieve, a member of the the Bill of Rights Club, a prominent actor in the drama of the French Revolution. He was the third son of Richard Grieve of Swarland in Felton, a solicitor at Alnwick; he was baptized at Alnwick 9 March, 1747/8, and died at Brussels 22 Feb., 1809, it is believed, unmarried.

<sup>2</sup> Nicholas Fenwick, third son of Nicholas Fenwick of Lemington by his wife Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir James Clavering, bart., was baptized at All Saints, Newcastle, on the 5 July, 1720. Cf. pedigree of Fenwick, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 174.

<sup>3</sup> Edward, third son of Mr. Edward Bell, was baptised at Alnwick, 17 July, 1754. His father was the third son of Edward Bell of Shortridge, in the township of Low Burton, by his wife Margaret Kenelm of Little Houghton.

<sup>4</sup> Lord Algernon Percy, second son of the first Duke of Northumberland, was created Earl of Beverley in 1790. His second daughter, Lady Susanna Elizabeth Percy, whose birth is recorded in the text, died in 1847.

<sup>5</sup> Nathaniel Tibbs married first, at Alnwick, 31 May, 1753, Elizabeth, daughter of [John] Brown: she, dying at Alndike, was buried at Lesbury, 14 March, 1762. She was aunt of the diarist. Nathaniel Tibbs married secondly at Long Houghton, 15 Sept., 1774, Jane Cleugh.

<sup>6</sup> Sir William Carr of Etal, bart., had issue by his second marriage two daughters and heiresses, Isabella, wife of James, the thirteenth Earl of Erroll, and Margaret, wife of the Hon. Alexander Mackay.

<sup>7</sup> She was the Diarist's third daughter, born 4 Nov., 1755, and baptized at Alnwick on the 17 Dec. following.

<sup>8</sup> Sir M. W. Ridley of Blagdon, second baronet, married Sarah, daughter and heir of Benjamin Colborne (not Coleman). described as of Bath. They were married 'at St. James's church.' Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 19 July, 1777.

<sup>9</sup> This was William Dodd, D.D. (1729-1777), author of the once well-known *Prison Thoughts* and of numerous publications. He was buried at Cowley, Middlesex.

1777. June 28. Mr. Weddell of Mousen died.<sup>10</sup>  
 1777. July 1. Mr. Knott of Boomer died.<sup>11</sup>  
 1777. July 17. Duke of Northumberland and Earl Percy came to Alnwick Castle, and the day following Lord Algernon and lady.  
 1777. Aug. 1. Stamp duty increased by Act of Parliament:—paper 5s. 1d., parchment 5s. (?), indentures of apprenticeship 5s. 3d., releases, etc., 5s. 2d.  
 1777. Aug. 18. Mr. Harrison, steward to Sir Grey (*sic*), bart., married.<sup>12</sup>  
 1777. Aug. 27. Mr. Mark Taylor and Miss S. Anderson married at Alnwick.<sup>13</sup>  
 1777. Sept. Mr. William Thornton died at Mr. Slade's in Essex.<sup>14</sup>  
 1777. Sept. 10. Mr. Thomas Wood of Beadnal and Miss Money-penny married.<sup>15</sup>  
 1777. Sept. 17. Mr. Davison and Miss Hannah Baron married.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>10</sup> William Weddell of Mousen died 1 Sept., 1759, aged 60 years, and (his son) William Weddell, also of Mousen, died 28 June, 1777, aged 35 years. M.I., Belford. His daughter Sarah was wife of the Rev. James Murray, sometime a Presbyterian minister in Alnwick, afterwards of Newcastle, an industrious historical and controversial writer. Cf. Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii., p. 173.

<sup>11</sup> Mr. Thomas Nott of Boulmer was buried at Lesbury on the 4 July, 1777: and Helen Nott, presumably his widow, was married at the same church 15 December, 1778, to George Selby, then of the parish of Long Houghton, who afterwards became tenant of Foxton-hall.

<sup>12</sup> 1778. July 23. Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Dorothy Harrison, Howick, baptized. *Howick Registers*.

<sup>13</sup> Mark Taylor of Heckley, tanner, was third son of William Taylor of the same place, and younger brother of Henry Taylor who purchased Doxford in 1781. He died *s.p.* and was buried at Alnwick 10 April, 1793. The great wealth of the family centred in his sister, Miss Mary Taylor, who by her will dated 3 Dec., 1807, distributed her property amongst her kinsfolk. Mark Taylor's wife was Sarah, daughter of George Anderson of Glanton. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 30 Aug., 1777.

<sup>14</sup> 'On the 2nd inst. of a consumption, Mr. William Thornton, formerly a farmer at Swinhoe in Northumberland and late agent to Captain Slade in Essex, where he acquired great esteem and was very much respected, which makes his death deservedly regretted by the whole family and neighbourhood.' *Newcastle Courant*, 20 Sept., 1777.

Mr. William Thornton was residing at Doxford when he married at Bamburgh 12 December, 1754, 'Miss Jane Brown, a celebrated beauty with a great fortune' (*Newcastle Magazine*, 1754), who was apparently step-daughter of William Taylor of Swinhoe Broomford (cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. i., p. 339). Margaret, daughter of William Thornton, married Nathaniel Davison, Alnwick, sometime consul-general in Algiers, who is said to have discovered the room over the chamber in the Great Pyramid of Gizeh.

<sup>15</sup> Mr. Thomas Wood, younger son of Thomas Wood of Beadnell by his wife Anne, daughter of John Craster of Craster, was baptized 11 May, 1747. He resided at Bamburgh, where he died, 10 Jan., 1832, his wife Mary (Money-penny) surviving him until 29 Nov., 1837. The *Newcastle Courant* of 13 Sept., 1777, describes the bride as 'a young lady of the most amiable and polite accomplishments with a fortune of £10,000 (*sic*).'

<sup>16</sup> Possibly an unidentified member of the family of Davison of Little Mill. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii., p. 411.

1777. Sept. 30. John and Mally set of to London. Mr. Robert Anderson and Miss Ann Grey married in Alnwick church.<sup>17</sup>

1777. Oct. 13. William Weddle of Alnwick died.

1777. Oct. 14. Daniel Craster, esq., died, aged 94, at Craster.<sup>1</sup>

1777. Nov. Betwixt the 3rd and 4th days, the stackyard of Mr. Selby of Foxton-hall was maliciously set on fire, and the whole crop of corn burnt: a hay stack and a little barley was saved.<sup>2</sup>

1777. Nov. 7. Died, Miss Learmouth, daughter of Mr. Thomas Learmouth, riding surveyor.<sup>3</sup>

1777. Nov. 14. George Watson, skinner and glover, died.

1777. Nov. 22. Sir Thomas Haggerstone, bart., of Haggerstone, died.<sup>4</sup>

1777. Nov. 26. Died, Rev. Mr. Lawson, vicar of Warkworth, at Carr's-vill.<sup>5</sup> Same day died at Tweedmouth the Rev. Mr. Wrangham, vicar of Ilderton and Alnham.<sup>6</sup>

1777. Dec. 18. Thomas Patterson, clerk of Alnwick parish, sent to gaol for 35*l.* due to Charles Bedlington for ale.

<sup>17</sup> Mr. Robert Anderson of Carnwath, N.B., married Anne, daughter and, at length, heir of John Grey of Alnwick by his wife Anne, daughter of James Scott of Alnwick and of Thompson Walls in Kirknewton. She died at Edinburgh, Dec. 1785. See p. 268, *post*.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Daniel Craster was a very aged man when he succeeded to the family estates on the death, in 1772, of George Craster, his first cousin twice removed. His portrait painted when he was 92 years of age is at Craster.

<sup>2</sup> The account given in Richardson's *Local Historian's Table Book* states that the fire broke out on November 3 and that twenty stacks of corn, mostly wheat, were consumed.

<sup>3</sup> The *Newcastle Courant* of 15 Nov., 1777, states that 'her mild disposition and goodness of heart greatly endeared her to all who had the happiness of her acquaintance.'

<sup>4</sup> Sir Thomas Haggerston of Haggerston, was baptized 11 Sept., 1722, succeeded his father as fourth baronet in 1756, and was buried at Holy Island, 27 Nov., 1777, leaving issue.

<sup>5</sup> The Rev. Wilfred Lawson, the younger, was son of the vicar of Warkworth of that name. The exact date and place [? Galtrim, co. Meath] of his birth are unknown, but he was ordained by Dr. Waugh, bishop of Carlisle, and succeeded his father as vicar of Warkworth in 1732. Without resigning his benefice he retired to Carville near Newcastle, about 1771, and died in 1777, aged 71. By his will dated 2 Jan., 1776, he devised the residue of his estate to his godson Wilfred, one of the sons of his friend Mr. William Johnson of Woodhorn, wholly passing by the two daughters of his brother Alfred (?) Lawson and their descendants. One of these nieces, Mary Lawson, married Samuel Ward, by whom she had two sons, Lawson Ward, an idiot, and Gilfred Ward of Newcastle, linen draper, whose son, Thomas Akenside Ward, a captain in the Northumberland Militia, and in 1828 residing at Alnwick, was found to be one of the two heirs-at-law of the Rev. Wilfrid Lawson who died in 1777. Alfred (?) Lawson's other daughter Sarah married (William) Cockburn, by whom she had an only son, William Cockburn, in 1828 residing at St. Anthony's near Newcastle, the other of the two heirs-at-law of his great-uncle the Rev. Wilfred Lawson.

<sup>6</sup> Besides the benefices of Ilderton and Alnham, Mr. Thomas Wrangham held the perpetual curacy of Tweedmouth and the lectureship of Berwick-on-Tweed.

1777. Dec. 21. Died, James Ogle of Rothbury.<sup>7</sup>

*The diaries for 1778, 1779, 1780 and 1781 have been lost.*

1782. Jan. 5. Died at Belford, Abraham Dixon, esq., aged 56.<sup>8</sup>

1782. Jan. 8. Died at Bavington, George Delaval, esq., aged 82.<sup>9</sup>

1782. Jan. 17. Died of an apoplexy at Morpeth, Mr. John French, attorney at law in Newcastle, and deputy-clerk of the peace for Northumberland.<sup>10</sup>

1782. Jan. 18. The last letter (No. 6) of the Old Craftsman was delivered in the town of Alnwick.<sup>11</sup>

1782. Jan. 21. William Davison of the Freeman-hill<sup>12</sup> settled his affairs with the Chamberlains, and a lease for 14 years was granted to Michael Swan and James Swan of Flotterton of the said farm from Whitsuntide next at 85*l.* rent.

<sup>7</sup> James Ogle was probably the person of that name who was baptized at Rothbury, 7 June. 1709, as a son of Edward Ogle of that place and Sarah Fenwick, his wife. This family claimed to be descended from the Ogles of Eglington.

<sup>8</sup> Abraham Dixon I. of Newcastle, master and mariner, married at All Saints Church in that town, 26 Nov., 1657, Jane, daughter of Edward Carnaby. He was probably father of Abraham Dixon II., also of Newcastle, master and mariner, who married at St. Nicholas's, 17 Feb., 1684/5, Barbara Peareth, and was buried in the old church of All Saints, November, 1700. His son Abraham Dixon III., baptized at All Saints, 6 May, 1689, was a merchant in Newcastle, and married at Gateshead, 25 Aug., 1720, Alice, daughter of John Ord of Newcastle, attorney, by whom he had with other issue Abraham Dixon IV., baptized at St. John's, Newcastle, 10 March, 1723/4. Abraham Dixon III., purchased Belford in 1726 and died at Bath, 3 Dec., 1746. Abraham Dixon IV., married, 21 Nov., 1779, Ann Wilkinson, but had no issue. By his will, made two days before his death, he devised Belford to his grand-nephew Arthur George Onslow, the great grandson of his brother Edward Dixon.

<sup>9</sup> George Delaval was the second son of Edward Shafto (second son of John Shafto of Little Bavington) by his wife Mary, daughter of George Delaval of Dissington. Born at Halton and baptized there, 28 Jan., 1702/3, he succeeded, under the will of his maternal uncle, Admiral George Delaval (whose name he assumed), to the Little Bavington estate which the latter had purchased from the Crown, to which it had been forfeited by the attainder of William Shafto in 1715. He represented the county as knight of the shire in the first and second parliaments of George III., and died 'respected in public' and 'not less esteemed in private life.' Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 12 Jan., 1782.

<sup>10</sup> The *Newcastle Courant* of 19 Jan., 1782, states that 'his integrity in his profession and his social good disposition gained him many friends.'

<sup>11</sup> A series of seven letters on a protracted conflict touching the constitution of the corporation of Alnwick and the improvement of Alnwick moor, published at this time, were written by Robert Richardson, attorney, clerk of the corporation, under the name of 'An Old Craftsman.' The first, comprising 8 pages 8vo, dated Nov. 28, 1781, was printed at Alnwick by T. Alder. The second letter, comprising 12 pages, is dated Dec. 6, 1781; the third, of 12 pages, is dated Dec. 17, 1781; the fourth, of 15 pages, is dated Dec. 24, 1781; the fifth, of 16 pages, is dated Jan. 4, 1782; the sixth, of 12 pages, is dated Jan. 18, 1782; and the seventh and last, of 12 pages, is dated Feb. 1, 1782. A set of these letters is very rare. Cf. Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii. pp. 297-303.

<sup>12</sup> The farm of Freeman-hill belongs to the freemen of Alnwick.

1782. Jan. Died, Doctor Pringle, His Majesty's physician.<sup>13</sup>

1782. Jan. Died at Bath, Sir John Patterson of Eccles, in Scotland, bart.<sup>1</sup>

1782. Jan. Mr. Woodmason, stationer in Leadenhall Street, Cornhill, London, had, unfortunately, seven children burnt by fire with the nurse, and suffered his all destroyed—some other houses—the corps dug out among the ruins, and all interred together.

1782. Feb. 1. Died, earl of Breadalbane at Holyrood-house, Edinburgh, aged 86.<sup>2</sup>

1782. Feb. Died, Rev. Mr. Murray, a dissenting minister, at Newcastle.<sup>3</sup>

1782. Feb. 8. A General Fast and Humiliation when a sermon was preached in Alnwick church by the Rev. Mr. Hodgson,<sup>4</sup> vicar of Eglingham, from *Isaiah lviii.*, 3, 4, 5.

1782. Feb. 9. Calverley Bewick, esq., appointed high sheriff for Northumberland.<sup>5</sup>

1782. Feb. Advertisement for the creditors of Job Bulman of Sheepwash, esq., to meet at Brodie's in Newcastle.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Sir John Pringle, M.D., fourth son of Sir John Pringle of Stichell, second baronet, was born at Stichell, 10 April, 1707, educated at the universities of St. Andrews and Leyden. He became physician general to the forces in the German wars of George II., and King's physician on the accession of George III., and on the king's marriage was created a baronet. By his wife, Miss Oliver of Bath, he had no issue and on his death, 18 January, 1782, aged 74, his wealth descended to his nephew, Sir James Pringle of Stichell, fourth baronet. Some account of six discourses which he delivered when President of the Royal Society is given in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1783, p. 601.

<sup>1</sup> Sir John Paterson of Eccles, third baronet died *s. p. m.* His widow, Anne, daughter of Hugh, third Earl of Marchmont, died at Newcastle on the 27th July, 1790.

<sup>2</sup> John, third Earl of Breadalbane, K.B., born *circa* 1696, had by his first marriage an only surviving daughter, Jemima, wife of Viscount Royston, and in her own right Marchioness de Grey.

<sup>3</sup> The Rev. James Murray was born *circa* 1732 at Fauns, Roxburghshire, and settled in Alnwick as assistant minister at Bondgate meeting in 1761. Called to Newcastle in 1764 he became minister of the High-bridge meeting where he continued to his death, 28 January, 1782. He was author of *Sermons to Ministers of State. Sermons to Ases. History of the Churches of England and Scotland. History of the American War* (with an engraved portrait of the author), and of other works now almost forgotten. See p. 234, *supra*.

<sup>4</sup> The Rev. Hugh Hodgson, M.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford, was vicar of Woodhorn in 1768, and vicar of Eglingham from 1769 to his death in 1814.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Calverley Bewick, of Close-house, eldest son of Sir Robert Bewick of the same place, the representative of a long line of Newcastle burgesses, died in October, 1815, when the male line of his family (so far as is known) became extinct.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Job Bulman was second son of John Bulman, of Gateshead, who in 1742 succeeded to the real property of his cousin, Dr. George Bulman of Sheepwash, in Bothal, who had died intestate. In consequence of his disordered affairs Mr. Job Bulman conveyed his property to trustees for the benefit of his creditors, who in April, 1782, sold Sheepwash to Mr. J. Gurney, of Norwich. He died at South Shields, 14 June, 1799, *s. p.*

1782. Feb. 10. Died at Newcastle, Michael Pearson of Matfin, esq., aged 80.<sup>7</sup> Died, Viscount Falmouth, captain of the Yeoman Guards.<sup>8</sup>

1782. Feb. 12. Mr. Edward Grey building a vault in Alnwick chancel 7 foot in length and 2 foot 3 inches in breath (*sic*).<sup>9</sup>

1782. Feb. 14. Died, Mrs. Cath. Henzell,<sup>10</sup> Mr. Lambert, surgeon,<sup>11</sup> and Mr. William Brown, viewer, all Newcastle.<sup>12</sup>

1782. Feb. 19. Mr. Elderton of Westoe has now got possession of Rosedon estate.<sup>13</sup>

1782. Feb. 22. Died, John Shell of Denwick, aged 78.

1782. Feb. 27. Jane Young, a noted prostitute, drowned herself in Alnwick water, near the ship lying there.<sup>14</sup>

1782. March. Upon a motion by General Conway, a vote in the House of Commons for and against peace with America;—for peace, 234, against, 215.

<sup>7</sup> Mr. Michael Pearson was the only surviving son of Robert Pearson, of East Matfen, who polled for lands at that place at the election of knight of the shire in 1722. He was baptized at Stamfordham, 4 June, 1706. Dying without issue he gave his lands to his sister's son, Robert Meggison, of Whalton, who assumed the name of Pearson. The *Gentleman's Magazine*, in February, 1785, gives an account of his widow, Jane, daughter of Charles Selby, of Earle, who married, first, a Quaker, William Ormston, of Hendersyde, Kelso, second, a member of the Establishment, Michael Pearson, and thirdly a Roman Catholic, George Silvertop, of Stella. After the death of her third husband she resided, a well-dowered widow, at Wooler.

<sup>8</sup> Hugh, second Viscount Falmouth, a general in the army and captain of the yeomen of the guard, died at Bath *s. p.*

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Edward Grey, of Alnwick and Overgrass, was the only son of Martin Grey, post-master of Alnwick; his grandfather, also named Martin Grey, being a younger son of Edward Grey, of Howick. He was baptized 23 Aug., 1728, and dying *s. p.*, by his will dated 27 June, 1788, gave Overgrass to his cousin, John Thomas Seton, described as of Calcutta, for the term of his life, and then to Charles Grey, the younger, of Morwick.

<sup>10</sup> 'Saturday, at her house in Northumberland Street, Mrs. Catherine Henzell, sister to the late Thomas Henzell, esq., of Gray's Inn.' *Newcastle Courant*, 16 Feb., 1782.

<sup>11</sup> *Query*, Mr. Richard Lambert, who in 1751 suggested the founding of Newcastle Infirmary; if so, he possessed a small estate at Newbrough-on-Tyne, in which he was succeeded by his son of the same name, who for many years was agent to Lord Ravensworth.

<sup>12</sup> 'Yesterday, at his house at Willington, Mr. William Brown, a considerable coal-owner and principal viewer of the collieries in this country, a gentleman greatly respected for his skill and integrity.' *Newcastle Courant*, 16 Feb., 1782.

<sup>13</sup> Mr. Robert Ilderton of Hexham, attorney, was the only son of Robert Ilderton of Newcastle, who *circa* 1740 purchased Rosedon North Side from his nephew, James Ilderton. Robert Ilderton, junior, married Hannah, daughter of John Aynsley of Hexham, attorney, who is stated to have died at Westoe, near South Shields, in Jan. 1788. Her husband survived her until 24 March, 1792, when he died, aged 77. He had succeeded to the Ilderton estate in 1789 on the death of his cousin, Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton, and by his will dated 16 November of that year, he gave the same to his distant kinsman, Charles Ilderton of Newcastle, attorney.

<sup>14</sup> The ship referred to in the text is shown in Stadlar's engraving of Alnwick Castle, published in 1805, as anchored in the river Aln in the Pasture midway between the Lion-bridge and Denwick bridge.

1782. March 4. Died, Mrs. Brown, relict of Nicholas Brown of Bolton, esq., aged 82.<sup>15</sup> Same day, delivered of a son, at Embleton, the wife of Mr. Charles Grey, only son of John Grey of Morwick, esq.<sup>16</sup>

1782. March 5. Henry Collingwood Selby, esq., agent to the duke of Northumberland, came to town.<sup>17</sup>

1782. March 6. Died, Joseph Gibson, shoemaker. Walter Trevillion, esq., came to town with his fox-hounds to hunt a few days.<sup>18</sup>

1782. March. Hexham bridge and others damaged by a flood on Monday.<sup>19</sup>

1782. March 12. The body of Jane Young found at Nairn's Mill by a servant.<sup>20</sup>

1782. March. Upon a motion by Lord John Cavendish, a vote in the House of Commons for an account of the expences during the war in America and a censure of the ministers:—for, 226, against, 216.

1782. March 29. Died at Carham, Ralph Compton, esq.: made no will.<sup>1</sup>

1782. March. A change of the ministry. Marquis of Rockingham at the head, with others. The old administration totally out.

1782. April 1. Mr. Robert Lowes, attorney in Hexham, committed to Morpeth gaol at the instance of Robert Lisle, esq., for a considerable sum.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Mrs. Brown was Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Younghusband, of Budle, and was married 13 June, 1728, to Nicholas Brown, of Bolton, High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1748, who died at Bath, 20 August, 1762, leaving surviving issue three daughters, co-heiresses.

<sup>16</sup> Mr. Charles Grey, of Morwick, married, first, Catherine Maria, daughter of Rev. John Skelly, successively vicar of Shilbottle and Stockton, by his wife, Lady Betty Gordon, daughter of Alexander, second Duke of Gordon. The son whose birth is noted above, became Sir John Grey, K.C.B., a Lieut-General in the Army, and Governor of Bombay Presidency.

<sup>17</sup> Henry Collingwood Selby, third son of George Selby of Alnwick, attorney, by his wife Mary, daughter of Prideaux Selby of Beal, was for sixty years clerk of the peace for Middlesex, and for some years commissioner of the Duke of Northumberland. He purchased the estate of Swansfield in Alnwick from the family of Grieve of Alwick and Swarland, and died 9 Feb., 1839, aged 91, having survived his only child Frances, wife of the Venerable Charles Thorp, Archdeacon of Durham.

<sup>18</sup> Mr. Walter Trevelyan of Netherwitton, *jure uxoris*.

<sup>19</sup> The bridge at Hexham, designed by Smeaton and swept away in 1782, had not been completed two years.

<sup>20</sup> See *supra*, p. 238.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Ralph Compton was second son of Anthony Compton, tenant of Learmouth, who purchased Carham *circa* 1728. He was baptized at Chillingham, 16 March, 1705/6, and farmed successively at Heathpool and Heatherslaw before succeeding to Carham on the death of his brother Anthony in 1770. He left numerous issue. The Comptons were, and are, burgesses of Berwick, which privilege is inherited from their ancestor Anthony Compton, bound apprentice 16 July, 1659, to Thomas Watson of Berwick, burgess.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. *supra*, p. 232.

1782. April 10. Morpeth Sessions. Colonel Bell, wife, and company came to Alnwick Castle.<sup>3</sup>

1782. April 11. Archdeacon Sharp's visitation. ~

1782. April. Sir Jenison William Gordon, bart.,<sup>4</sup> and William Charleton, esq.,<sup>5</sup> appointed joint Port-customers of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

1782. April 20. A prospect of peace with the Dutch and Americans from the several speeches in the House.

1782. April 25. Ten young freemen went 'through the well'; amongst the number Mr. George Forster of High Biston<sup>6</sup> and two sons of Mrs. Lindsay's.

Died, Catherine Hunter, wife of Robert Hunter, blacksmith, aged 82 years.<sup>7</sup>

Died at Newcastle, in Westgate Street, Sir Lancelot Allgood, knight, a worthy man, aged 72 years.<sup>8</sup>

Died, Mr. Thomas Pallister of Hezleridge.<sup>9</sup>

1782. May 7. Died at Alnwick, Rev. Mr. William Stoddart, vicar of Chatton and curate of the parish of Alnwick, aged 65.<sup>10</sup>

Died, Lord Talbot, Lord Steward of His Majestie's household, aged 72.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Matthew Bell, of Woolsington, colonel of the Northumberland Militia.

<sup>4</sup> Sir Jenison William Gordon, second baronet, of Newark-on-Trent (1747-1831).

<sup>5</sup> *Query*, Rear Admiral William Charlton, who died 26 January, 1815, aged 55. Cf. Welford, *Monuments in St. Nicholas's, Newcastle*, p. 106. Cf. pedigree of Charlton, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ix. p. 346.

<sup>6</sup> A vivid description of the ceremony of 'leaping the well,' which initiated those who claimed by patrimony or servitude to be admitted to the freedom of Alnwick, may be found in Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii., pp. 241-250.

Mr. George Forster named above, a younger son of Joseph Forster of High Biston and Newton-by-the-Sea, was baptized at Embleton, 6 May, 1729. How he qualified for the freeland of Alnwick does not appear, but he farmed first at Shilbottle Woodhouse, and afterwards at High Biston. He died, aged 80, at Blyth, apparently at the house of his son, Mr. George Forster, H.M. Customs, and was buried 15 April, 1809 (*Earsdon Register*).

<sup>7</sup> Robert Hunter, the widower, died on the 2nd July, 1783, aged 81. M.I. Alnwick.

<sup>8</sup> Sir Lancelot Allgood, knight, eldest son of Isaac Allgood of Brandon White-house, in the parish of Eglingham, married 22 Feb., 1738/9, at Chollerston, his kinswoman Jane, only child of Robert Allgood of Nunwick, by whom he had issue. He was high sheriff of Northumberland in 1746, knight of the shire in 1748 and was knighted in 1761. His biography may be found in Welford, *Men of Mark 'twixt Tyne and Tweed*. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 27 April, 1782, where it is stated that he died in his 72nd year.

<sup>9</sup> He was baptized at Shilbottle on the 3rd June, 1722, as son of Thomas Pallister, a freeholder of that place. He married at Warkworth, 1 May, 1758, Anne, daughter of John Hall of Bondicar, by whom he had numerous issue. He was an ancestor of the late Professor Marcus Dods the eminent Scottish divine.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. William Stoddart, son of John Stoddart, attorney, was born at Morpeth, was admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge, 17 May, 1737, aged 19 and was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Carlisle, on the 24th May, 1741.

Died, Doctor Rd. Fawcet, at Durham, vicar of Newcastle and one of His Majestie's chaplains.<sup>11</sup>

1782. May 16. Died at Edinburgh, John Cay, esq., of Charlton-hall in Northumberland, barrister at law.<sup>12</sup>

Died, Mr. Henry Forster, Hepple, aged 89.<sup>13</sup>

Good news from Admiral Rodney: taking of Dominica, the French admiral in a ship of 110 guns with three of 74 guns and one of 64 guns, and sinking a 64 gun ship.<sup>14</sup>

1782. May 22. Captain George Farquhar<sup>15</sup> and Mr. Edward Grey<sup>16</sup> set of on a journey to London to pay a visit to Sir Henry Grey, bart.

1782. May. Two companies of the Wiltshire militia fixed at Alnwick.

1782. May 27. An account that Admiral Sir Samuel Hood has taken an 80 gun ship, a 74 gun ship and a frigate, part of Count de Grasse's squadron left from the engagement with Sir G. B. Rodney on the 12th of April.<sup>17</sup>

1782. May 30. Died at Catcleugh, Mr. Robt. Hall, one of the bayliffs to the duke of Northumberland.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>11</sup> The Rev. Richard Fawcett was second son of John Fawcett, recorder of Durham, and was educated at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he matriculated 26 Aug., 1730, aged 15. After holding benefices in Staffordshire, he was appointed vicar of Newcastle in 1767, and continued to hold that living by dispensation, with the rectory of Gateshead, to which he was presented in 1772; in 1778 he was made prebendary of the third stall in Durham Cathedral. He died 30 April, 1782.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. John Cay of North Charlton, in the parish of Ellingham, was the eldest son of Robert Cay of that place and of South Shields, whose name is remembered as the friend of Horsley, and by his proposal to found an infirmary at Newcastle. He was born 16 April, 1727, was of the Middle Temple, but having become involved in a lawsuit took sanctuary at Holyrood, where he died as stated above, leaving issue one son, Robert Hodshon Cay, judge of the High Court of Admiralty in Scotland.

<sup>13</sup> 'Last week at Bickerton near Rothbury, Mr. Forster, father of Captain Forster.' *Newcastle Courant*, 25 May, 1782. He was buried at Rothbury, 22 May, 1782.

<sup>14</sup> There is a full report of this engagement in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1782, p. 254. The victorious admiral failed to make the most of his success. 'We have done very handsomely,' said Rodney to Hood, but he let the fleet of the vanquished De Grasse escape.' Cf. a leading article in *The Times*, 22 Aug., 1908.

<sup>15</sup> George Farquhar, captain 32nd Regiment, was eldest son of Captain Hugh Farquhar of Rothbury, where he was baptized 16 March, 1721/2. By his first wife Catherine, daughter and coheiress of Ford Grey of Alnwick, attorney, he obtained an estate at Holystone in Coquetdale. He died 'to the loss of an enlarged circle of acquaintances' 9 August, 1795.

<sup>16</sup> Mr. Edward Grey of Alnwick and of Overgrass, descended from the family of Grey of Howick, was baptized at Alnwick on the 23rd August, 1728. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii., p. 460.

<sup>17</sup> This action is reported in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1782, p. 260.

<sup>18</sup> His name was Roger and his burial is entered in the *Elsdon Register* as follows:—'1782. June the 1st. Roger Hall of Catcleugh buried at Birness,'

1782. May 30. A heavy rain. Mr. Doubleday's bridge and G. Cockburn's call, at the mill, taken totally away by the flood.<sup>19</sup>

1782. May 31. A great assembly in the town-hall in Alnwick.

1782. June 3. A *subpoena* served upon the Chamberlains and Common Council of Alnwick out of Chancery, at the suit of Henry Collingwood Selby and others, with respect to Alnwick Moor.<sup>1</sup>

1782. June 5. A meeting of the Sons of the Clergy at Alnwick.

1782. June 10. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Adams, relict of Benjamin Adams, esq., late of South Acton, and mother of Mr. Thomas Adams, attorney in Alnwick, aged 80.<sup>2</sup>

1782. June 15. Whitening the church and painting the chancel. The influenza is very general in town and country, but not fatal.<sup>3</sup>

1782. June 24. Died, Mrs. Cook, wife of captain John Cook.<sup>4</sup>

1782. June 25. Died, Rev. Mr. William Laidman, vicar of Wardon, aged 72, with a good character.<sup>5</sup>

1782. June. The Rev. Mr. Samuel Hall<sup>6</sup> presented to the vicarage of Chatton and the curacy of Alnwick by the Right Rev. Bishop of Durham and His Grace, Hugh, Duke of Northumberland, both vacant by the death of the late Rev. Mr. Stodart.

and the *Newcastle Courant* of 1 June, 1782, announces the death at Catcleugh of 'Mr. Roger Hall, stockmaster, a gentleman universally respected by a very extensive acquaintance and whose memory will long be held in esteem when this temporary tribute of affection is entirely forgotten.'

<sup>19</sup> This was only a wooden foot-bridge over the Aln near Alnwick Abbey which at this period belonged to and was the residence of Mr. Michael Doubleday, a Quaker. The Duke of Northumberland purchased the Abbey, in 1800, and the present handsome stone bridge was built in 1821.

<sup>1</sup> An account of the disputes between Mr. H. C. Selby as the Duke of Northumberland's commissioner, and the freemen of Alnwick may be found in Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii., pp. 295-301.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Adams was daughter of Alexander Collingwood of Little Ryle, and wife of Benjamin Adams of South Acton in Felton, who was son of Edward Adams, who purchased, in 1682, that estate, which is still in the possession of his descendants. Mrs. Adams was buried at Felton. The *Newcastle Courant* of 15 June, 1782, states that she was 'a gentlewoman universally respected for her good sense, benevolence and unaffected exemplary piety.'

<sup>3</sup> There is a theory that the custom of periodically lime washing churches had its origin after the Black Death. Whether the white-washing of Alnwick church, recorded above, was a consequence of the prevailing disorder or merely a coincidence, is unknown.

<sup>4</sup> Margaret, sister and coheir of John Cook of Sturton Grange Eastfield, married 3rd July, 1750, at Warkworth, John Cook (of the Blakemoor family) master and mariner, and had issue four sons and two daughters. The elder of the daughters married, first, George Selby of Twizell in Bamburgh-shire, and secondly, Rev. Matson Dodd, rector of Ingram.

For Captain Cook's second marriage, see p. 250, *post*.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. William Laidman was vicar of Wardon from 1758 to 1782, and was buried there.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Hall's father, the Rev. Samuel Hall, was presented to the vicarage of Long Houghton in 1730, and married, 9 July, 1733, Eleanor Story of Long Houghton.

1782. July 1. Died, Dr. John Hume, bishop of Salisbury, chancellor of the Order of the Garter.<sup>7</sup>

1782. July 8 and 9. A commission of bankruptcy executed at Mr. Loftus's, Flesh Market, Newcastle, against Robert Lowes, scrivener, of Hexham.<sup>8</sup>

1782. July 9. Mr. Thomas Alder and Abigail Lindsay, daughter of Thomas Lindsay, married at Alnwick church.<sup>9</sup>

1782. July 14. Duke of Northumberland came to Alnwick Castle.

1782. July 21. Rev. Mr. Samuel Hall inducted to the vicarage of Chatton.<sup>10</sup>

1782. July 25. Earl Percy and his lady came to Alnwick Castle. Bishop of Dromore,<sup>11</sup> in Ireland, came to the Castle also.

1782. July 28. New furniture put into the church and chancel, crimson velvet trimmed with gold lace, pulpit, reading-desk, altar-table and the duke of Northumberland's seats: all at expense of His Grace.<sup>12</sup>

Rev. Mr. Hall preached in Alnwick church from Phillipians iv. 11. Died at Alnmouth, Mr. G. Stains, deputy-collector of the customs.<sup>13</sup>

1782. Aug. Little company at the Castle as yet.

1782. Aug. 4. Bishop of Dromore preached, and took his text from Romans i. 16.

1782. Aug. 6 and 7. Alnwick races.<sup>14</sup> His Grace dined in public both days at the White Swan, had his public breakfasts at the Castle. Mr. Gregson win the first prize; Mr. Weatheral win the second, etc.

1782. Aug. 18. Mr. Hall's text, St. John xvi., 33.

<sup>7</sup> 1782, June 26. 'In Stanhope Street, Mayfair, Dr. John Hume, bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, and brother to the Earl of Kinnoul.' *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1782, p. 312.

<sup>8</sup> See p. 239, *supra*.

<sup>9</sup> *Query*, Thomas Alder who died May 19, 1790, aged 37. M.I. Alnwick.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. Hall was presumably son of the Rev. Samuel Hall who was vicar of Long Houghton, 1730-1752, vicar of Chatton from 1752 until his death in March, 1775. Samuel Hall, the younger, held the perpetual curacy of Alnwick, together with the vicarage of Chatton, until his death, 24 March, 1799, aged 56. *Chatton Registers*.

<sup>11</sup> The Rt. Rev. Thomas Percy.

<sup>12</sup> The chancel of Alnwick church was purchased by the first Duke of Northumberland in 1769, from Mr. John Lamb the then lay rector, and considerable alterations were made in 1782, a decorated eastern window being inserted (replaced in 1863 by the tracery of the present window), an elaborate fan-groined ceiling made, etc., etc.

<sup>13</sup> 1782, Aug. 30. Mr. George Stains, Collector in the Customs, Alemouth, buried. *Leshbury Registers*.

<sup>14</sup> By an order of the Court Leet, April 17, 1654, 'the course of the accustomed horse race constantly had in the common of the said burrow [of Alnwick] called Hobberlaw Edge' was to be superseded by another race-course also near Hobberlaw. (Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. i., p. 430). In 1654 the races were on St. Mark's Day, but in the *Newcastle Courant* of June 6, 1724, the races were announced to be held on the 14th, 15th and 16th July. Two years later the race was advertised for 20th August. The sport there died out in the beginning of the nineteenth century.

1782. Aug. 20. Died at Windsor, Prince Alfred, the son of His Majesty, aged one year eleven months.

1782. Aug. 21. Died, Mr. Rd. Strother, merchant, aged 57.<sup>15</sup>

1782. Aug. 24. Died, Mrs. Shell of Denwick, aged 77.

1782. Aug. 25. Mr. Hall's text, Psalm xxxvii. 37, 38.

1782. Aug. Died, William Fenwick of Bywell, esq., aged 60.<sup>16</sup>

1782. Sept. 1. Mr. Hall's text, Exodus xx. 8.

1782. Sept. Admiral Keptonfelt,<sup>1</sup> with 500 more, drowned in Plymouth bay by a gale of wind.

1782. Sept. 2. Died, Mr. Thomas Call,<sup>2</sup> gardener to His Grace, Hugh, Duke of Northumberland, aged 65. Succeeded in his office by one Manners.<sup>3</sup>

1782. Sept. 4. Married at Alnwick, Mr. Banks, jun., dancing master, to a daughter of Thomas Bell's.

1782. Sept. 15. Mr. Hall's text, 1 Samuel xii., 24.

1782. Sept. 22. Mr. Hall's text, Romans viii., 28.

1782. Sept. 29. Mr. Hall's text, Isaiah xii., 2.

1782. Sept. 30. Died, Mr. Joseph Clark of Morpeth, grazier.<sup>4</sup>

1782. Sept. Died, Mr. Thomas Vardy, Cannongate.

1782. Sept. Died, Mr. Dobson, under-steward to Sir Henry Grey, bart.<sup>5</sup>

1782. Sept. Died at Tweedmouth, Mr. George Potts, formerly of White House.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Mr. Richard Strother, eldest son of Nicholas Strother of Alnwick, was baptized 10 September, 1725; he died unmarried and was buried at Alnwick. The *Newcastle Courant* of 31 August, 1782, states that he was 'a man of great attention and integrity in business.'

<sup>16</sup> Mr. William Fenwick was eldest son of John Fenwick of Stanton and Brinkburn by his first wife, Margaret, daughter and coheir of William Fenwick of Bywell. He was High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1752, and died 27 August, 1782, having disinherited his eldest son John, in favour of his younger and only other son William, the last Fenwick of Bywell.

<sup>1</sup> The loss of Rear Admiral Richard Kempenfelt (1718-1782) and his ship is commemorated in Cowper's verses on the 'Loss of the Royal George.'

<sup>2</sup> 1764. Dec. 25. Mr. Thomas Call and Mrs. Ann Baron, widow, married. *Alnwick Registers*. She was daughter of — Miniken and widow of John Baron of Alnwick, merchant (who was buried Feb. 3, 1763), by whom she had, with other issue, a son Joseph, and a daughter Christian. By her second husband she had no issue. Mr. Martin Call, a kinsman of Thomas Call, became superintendent of the Imperial Gardens in Russia.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Charles Manners died 11 November, 1799, aged 67. Monumental inscription, Alnwick.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Joseph Clark was buried 3 Oct., 1782. *Morpeth Registers*. In the *Newcastle Courant* of 5 Oct., he is described as an eminent grazier and butcher.

<sup>5</sup> John Dobson was buried at Howick 6 Oct., 1782.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. George Potts of Tweedmouth, eldest son of Robert Potts the younger, of White-house, in the parish of Alnwick, by his wife, Mary, daughter of [George] Morrison (of Low-linn), and grandson of Robert Potts, also of White-house, married Jane, daughter of Roger Pearson of Titlington, by his wife, Rosamond Colville. They had with other issue a son, George Morrison Potts, baptized at Alnwick 27 June, 1760, a lieutenant in the 51st Regiment. Cf. p. 303, *post*.

1782. Oct. 8. Married at Alnwick, Mr. Richmond of Durham to Miss M. Story.<sup>7</sup>

1782. Oct. 9. Married at Alnwick, Doctor Ferrier of Stockton to Miss Babby Gair.<sup>8</sup>

1782. Oct. 13. Mr. Hall's text, Zechariah i., 3.

1782. Oct. 20. Mr. Stockdale's text, Ecclesiastes v., 1.

1782. Oct. 24. Married at Alnwick church, Mr. Richardson Ralph Rawling to Miss Babby Woodhouse.

1782. Oct. 25. Town Court and St. Crispin's day of meeting.

1782. Oct. 27. Mr. Hall's text, Matthew ix., 2.

1782. Oct. The summer season somewhat remarkable, can't be said to be any summer weather, seldom a tolerable day; by appearance of everything, no vegetables in their proper form, and the proceeding harvest appearing very chaney.

1782. Oct. An account of Lord Howe relieving Gibralter and getting the transports in with provisions, etc., for the garrison.

1782. Nov. 3. Died at Rennington Low-stead, Mr. John Tate, farmer, aged 78, having left 2,500*l.* in money.

1782. Nov. 5. Remarkable bad weather, for there's rain, snow hail and sometimes frost, the corn not yet cut and in wretched condition.

1782. Nov. 14. Mr. Henry Collingwood Selby gave an entertainment at the Castle to the Chamberlains and the heads of the Committee. The dispute about the moor . . . . upon terms of accommodation to prevent any further expence, if the freemen concur.<sup>9</sup>

1782. Nov. The French and Spanish combined fleets (47 ships) sadly damaged before Gibralter with a hurricane, besides beat of by Lord Howe (35 ships): their loss about 6,000 men, and three 74 (*sic*) captured: French run to Toulon, the Spanish to Cadiz.<sup>10</sup>

1782. Nov. N.B., Nicholas Brown, attorney, is now senior of the Common Council for the town and borough of Alnwick.

1782. Nov. 17. Mr. Hall's text, Proverbs i., 1 and 2.

1782. Dec. 5. Died, Miss Grey, only daughter of John Grey, jun., esq., deceased.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Mr. Thomas Richmond of the parish of St. Nicholas, Durham, married Mary, daughter and coheir of John Storey of Learchild in Edlingham, by his first wife Jane Gallimore.

<sup>8</sup> Daughter of Arthur Gair of Alnwick, surgeon, who died 22 July, 1786. The bridegroom was John Ferrier, M.D., of Stockton. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 12 Oct., 1782.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii. p. 300.

<sup>10</sup> An abridged copy of Lord Howe's despatches, dated on board the 'Victory off Cape Spartel, Oct. 21,' is given in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1782, p. 513.

<sup>11</sup> Miss Anne Grey, baptized at Alnwick, 4 Nov., 1774, was the only child of John Grey III. of the same place, merchant (by his wife Anne, daughter of John Grey of Morwick), who was second son and at length heir of John Grey II. of Alnwick (by his wife Ann, daughter of James Scott of Alnwick and of

1782. Dec. 8. Died, Mr. Henry Boyd, attorney, Newcastle.<sup>12</sup>  
 1782. Dec. 15. Died, Mr. Robert Richardson, sen., attorney, Alnwick, aged 68.<sup>13</sup>

1782. Dec. 20. Mr. William Hunter, attorney at Hexham, died at Islington, near London.<sup>14</sup>

1782. Dec. 23. Mr. Horsley of Bolam married to Miss Meggison of Whalton.<sup>15</sup>

1782. Dec. 25. Died at Berwick, Mrs. White, sister to Doctor Davison.<sup>16</sup>

1782. Dec. Died, a son of John Wood of Beadnel, at Craster.<sup>1</sup>

1782. Dec. 29. Died at Newcastle, Matthew Bell, jun., esq., lieutenant colonel of the Northumberland militia.<sup>2</sup>

1782. Dec. Died, Thomas Windham of Alnwick, taylor.

1782. Dec. Negotiations for peace with America, France, Spain and Holland, but great disputes in both Houses: Spain for the fortress of Gibraltar delivered up, and Holland for St. Eutacius and Cape Good Hope delivered up.

1783. Jan. Negotiations for peace are seemingly at an end: Paris adverse, and Versailles obstinate on account of America inde-

Thompson's Walls in Kirknewton), a great great grandson of Edward Grey of Howick.

The following is an abstract of the will of the above named John Grey of Alnwick, wine merchant, dated 15th May, 1775: I give all my estate to my brother-in-law, Charles Grey of Morwick, and my cousin Edward Grey of Alnwick, in trust to pay to my daughter Anne Grey, when 21, £600. My wife, Anne Grey, to have my estate for life and then to my daughter; remainder to my cousin James Richardson and his heirs; remainder to my cousin, James Edmeston; remainder to my sister, Anne Grey, and my cousins, Sarah Lisle, Hannah Jolly, Mary Richardson and Nanny Richardson. Proved at Durham, 1775 (Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*).

<sup>12</sup> The *Newcastle Courant* of 14 Dec., 1782, states that he was an attorney at All Saints Church Stairs, and that at the time of his death the youngest of his three children was but ten days old. He was buried at St. John's, Newcastle.

<sup>13</sup> 1715. 6 Sept. Robert, son of John Richardson, tanner, baptized. *Alnwick Registers*. Either he or his son of the same name was author of the letters of An Old Craftsman, mentioned above.

<sup>14</sup> See p. 232, *supra*.

<sup>15</sup> 1782. Dec. 23. Robert Horsley and Philadelphia Meggison married. *Bolam Registers*. He was the representative of a family which had owned Milburn Grange since the middle of the sixteenth century and was born 15 June, 1749. Out of his numerous issue, but one daughter survived, viz., Philadelphia, wife of John, Lord Decies.

<sup>16</sup> Hannah, daughter of George Davison of Little Mill in Long Houghton, by his wife, Mary, daughter of Nicholas Brown of Bolton, married at Alnwick, 19 Nov., 1761, Andrew White of Berwick, saddler. Cf. p. 249, *post*.

<sup>1</sup> Craster Henry Wood, eldest son of John Wood of Beadnell, by his wife Anne, daughter and in her issue heir of Daniel Craster of Craster, was baptized 28 July, 1782, and died 30 December following.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Matthew Bell, jun., eldest son of Matthew Bell of Newcastle, who had purchased Woolsington, married Dulcebella, daughter of Sir Robert Eden, bart., and died in the lifetime of his father, leaving issue.

pendent, but a few days at the meeting of Parliament may settle whether peace or war. The empress of Russia and the king of Prussia are in favour of Great Britain.

1783. Jan. 11. Lieutenant General Charles Grey honoured with a Red Ribbon, vacant by Lord Ligonier, as also with the dignity of Knight of the Bath.<sup>3</sup>

1783. Jan. 19. Died, Mr. Ralph Elder, merchant in Alnwick, aged 42, of the palsy.<sup>4</sup>

Died at Bickerton, Captain Forster of a jaundice, aged 62.<sup>5</sup>

1783. Jan. 22. Died at Alnwick, Miss Anne Brown, aged 55, sister to Mr. Nicholas Brown, attorney.<sup>6</sup>

1783. Jan. 27. Died, William Burrel, esq., of Howtell.<sup>7</sup>

1783. Jan. Married, Mr. W. Peareth of Usworth, son of William Peareth, esq., of Bradley, county of Durham, to Miss Susan Forster, daughter of C. Forster, attorney, late of Alnwick.<sup>8</sup>

1783. Feb. 3. Died at London, Mr. Ralph Bell, clerk of the kitchen to His Grace Duke of Northumberland.

1783. Feb. 7. Died, Mr. Richard Brown, head gardener (at Hampton Court) to His Majesty.

1783. Feb. 10. William Hargrave of Shawdon, esq., appointed high sheriff for Northumberland.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>3</sup> General Charles Grey of Fallodon, afterwards first Earl Grey, was baptized 23 Oct., 1729, and died 14 Nov., 1807. A short biography of this distinguished soldier may be found in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 357, and elsewhere.

<sup>4</sup> He died 'greatly lamented.' Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 25 Jan., 1783.

<sup>5</sup> On the 17 inst. at Bickerton near Rothbury, in the 62nd year of his age, Captain James Forster, a gentleman who spent fifteen years in the flower of his days in the India Company's Service. *Newcastle Courant*, 25 Jan., 1783.

<sup>6</sup> The Diarist's sister.

<sup>7</sup> It is probable that all the lines of Burrells in Northumberland have their origin in the *stammgut* of Howtell in the parish of Kirknewton, which was in their possession before the year 1541 and where their ruined tower still stands. William Burrell of Howtell, eldest son and heir of William Burrell (whose will is dated 11 April, 1719, pr. 1720) married Dorothy, daughter of Robert Allan of Killam (marriage settlement 3 and 4 July, 1722) and died *circa* 1732 (will dated 24 July, 1731, pr. 1732) leaving issue two sons and a daughter, of whom the eldest was William Burrell named in the text (buried at Kirknewton 26 Jan., 1783), who left issue surviving three daughters and coheirs, Martha, wife of Robert Grey, Dorothy, who died unmarried, and Anne, wife of John Ord of the parish of Morbattle.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. William Peareth of Usworth, co. Durham, was son of William Peareth, alderman of Newcastle, and died 11 Aug., 1810, aged 76, having had issue by his wife Susanna, daughter and coheiress of Collingwood Forster of Alnwick, an only son William Jennens Peareth of Christ Church, Oxford, whose loss is expressed by his parents on a fine monument in St. Nicholas church, Newcastle. A portrait of Mrs. Peareth, who died 23 Dec., 1821, aged 69, by an unknown artist, is in the possession of her kinsman, the Rev. W. T. Thorp of Charlton Hall, in Ellingham.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. William Hargrave of Shawdon, was the only son and heir of James Hargrave of the same place, by his wife Priscilla, daughter of William Bonner

A talk of a change of ministry ; the preliminaries of peace not being satisfactory.

1783. Feb. Cumberland militia marching south from Berwick.

1783. March 7. Mr. George Forster and Mrs. Vardy, widow of Thomas Vardy, married.<sup>10</sup>

New ministry and other arrangements :—

(1) Duke of Portland, Lord John Cavendish, Earl of Surrey, Fre. Montague, esq., and Sir Grey Cooper, bart., commissioners for executing the office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

(2) Viscount Stormont, Lord President of the Privy Council.

(3) Earl of Carlisle, Privy Seal.

(4) Lord North and Hon. Charles Fox, Secretaries of State.

(5) Lord John Cavendish, the offices of Chancellor and Under Treasurer.

(6) Hon. Chas. Townsend, the office of Treasurer of the Navy.

(7) Admiral Lord Kepple, Admiral Hugh Pigot, Lord Duncannon, Hon. John Townsend, Sir John Lindsay, K.B., William Jolliffe and Whitshed Keene, esquires, commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland.

(8) Hon. Edmund Burke, Paymaster General of His Majesty's Land Forces ; Lord Dartmouth, Lord Steward of the Household ; Earl of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain ; Lord Loughborough, Sir Wm. Hen. Ashurst and Sir Beaumont Hotham, lords commissioners of the custody of the Great Seal of Great Britain ; Colonel Fitzpatrick, Secretary at War ; Lord Viscount Townsend, Master of the Ordnance ; Rev. Mr. O'Burne, private secretary to the Duke of Portland ; Rich. Burke, esq., Secretary to the Treasury, Colonel North and Mr. Knox secretaries to Lord North ; James Wallace, esq., Attorney-General and John Lee, esq., Solicitor General.

1783. April 13. Died at Loaning-head, Mr. Thomas Taylor, farmer there.

1783. April. Died, George Walker,<sup>11</sup> butcher, aged 82 ; William Allen, barber, aged 72 ; and Paul Wilkinson, heckler.

1783. April. Athol and Sir William Gordon's Highlanders gone through to Scotland to be disembodied—(stout men). The Scots Grey Horse now passing through for Musselburgh for the summer.

of Newcastle and Kibblesworth (married at Lamesley 6 June, 1734) and grandson of Nathaniel Hargrave, Newcastle, merchant adventurer, who was buried in St. Nicholas's, 18 Dec., 1702. Mr. William Hargrave married at Long Benton, 18th Oct., 1770, Catherine, daughter and coheir of Samuel Shield of Ouseburn, but had no issue. Dying in 1817, he was succeeded by his cousin George Pawson.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. George Forster was presumably the fifth son of William Forster of Alnwick, merchant, by his wife Dorothy, daughter of Edward Collingwood. If so, he was baptized at Alnwick on the 19 June, 1730. His eldest brother, Collingwood Forster, was an eminent attorney in Alnwick and some time Clerk of the Peace for Northumberland.

<sup>11</sup> George Walker was baptized March 1, 1701/2, as son of Ralph Walker of 'Necessity.' *Alnwick Registers.*

Lord Foley and Hon. H. F. Carpenter appointed Postmasters General.

1783. April. In a duel fought by Captain Riddle and Captain D. Cunningham at London, both dead.<sup>12</sup>

1783. May 2. Lady Percy, wife of Earl Percy, delivered of a daughter: great rejoicings at Alnwick Castle.

1783. May 7. Died at Alnwick, Martha Grey, who kept a public-house, leaving a genteel fortune.<sup>13</sup>

1783. May 10. Died, Luke Weatherburn, formerly bayliff to the duke of Northumberland, aged 88.<sup>14</sup>

1783. May 12. Died, Mr. Robert Forster, gardener, aged 68.

Earl of Sandwich appointed Ranger of St. James's and Hide Park. Viscount Hitchingbrooke appointed Master of the Buckhounds.

1783. May 20. Died, Edward Collingwood, esq., of Chirton, aged 82.<sup>15</sup>

1783. June 1. Died suddenly, Henry Collingwood of Cornhill, esq., one of His Majestie's justices of the peace.<sup>16</sup>

1783. June 24. Came to Alnwick on a visit, Mrs. Horsley, daughter, and Miss Peggy Brown.

1783. June 25. Died at Berwick, Mr. White, sadler, who married Miss Davison, who died some months ago.

1783. June. Died, Doctor Hunter, physician to the queen, a man of great eminence in his profession. Doctor Ford is appointed physician in his stead.

1783. July 1. Died at Rothbury, the Rev. Mr. Shotton, curate there, aged 72.<sup>16a</sup>

<sup>12</sup> '1783, May 2. George James Riddell, esq., died 22 April, aged 24 (buried) in a new vault in the south cross.' *Westminster Abbey Registers*. He was the second son of Sir James Riddell of Ardnamurchan, first baronet, and an account of the duel in which he fell may be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1783, p. 362.

<sup>13</sup> 'Martha Grey died May 7, 1783, aged 57 years.' *M.I. Alnwick*.

<sup>14</sup> 1696, August 18. Luke, son of Ralph Weatherburn, baptized. *Alnwick Registers*.

<sup>15</sup> Mr. Edward Collingwood, Recorder of Newcastle, was son and heir of Edward Collingwood of Byker and Dissington. He married Mary, daughter and coheir of John Roddam of Little Houghton and Chirton, by whom he had issue. He died 19 May, 1783, and was buried in a vault in All Saints' church, Newcastle.

<sup>16</sup> Mr. Henry Collingwood of Cornhill and Branxton, was eldest son of that Henry Collingwood of Branxton who died at Westerheugh in Brinkburn in 1756 aged 105, by his marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of John Forster of Cornhill. In the announcement of his death in the *Newcastle Courant*, 7 June, 1783, he is said to have possessed 'quiet goodness of heart and charitable disposition.' Dying without legitimate issue, he was succeeded by his brother, John Collingwood of Fleet Street, London, merchant, from whom are descended the family of Collingwood of Cornhill-on-Tweed.

<sup>16a</sup> 1783, July 4. Rev. Mr. John Shotton, curate of Rothbury, buried. *Rothbury Registers*.

1783. July. Married at Wooler, Mr. Dobson, brandy merchant in Gateshead, to Mrs. Murton of Wooler.<sup>17</sup>

1783. July 3. Married at Longhoughton, Captain John Cook of Alnwick, to Miss Fanny Beaumont, Longhoughton.<sup>18</sup>

1783. July 4. Died at Glanton, Miss Cainilla Pearson, sister to Jacob Pearson of Titlington.<sup>19</sup>

1783. July 6. Died at Hauxley, Nathaniel Widdrington, esq. His estate devolves to John Widdrington of Newcastle, esq., a banker.<sup>1</sup>

1783. July 12. Came to Alnwick Castle His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, accompanied by Sir John Miller, bart., from Bath.

1783. July 17. Sir Charles Grey (General Grey) dined with His Grace at the Castle.<sup>2</sup>

1783. July 24. Bishop's visitation and confirmation of children.

1783. July 26. Died, Robert Hunter, blacksmith, aged 85.

Mrs. Dring came to Alnwick from London on a visit to her relations.<sup>3</sup>

1783. July 28. Earl Percy came to Alnwick Castle.

1783. Aug. 4. Died at Newcastle, Ralph Bates, esq., a justice of the peace.<sup>4</sup>

1783. Aug. 5. At Alnwick Races Mr. Gregson's 'Hope' win.

1783. Aug. 6. " Mr. Bowes's colt win.

1783. Aug. 7. " Mr. Gregson's 'Shepherd' win.

<sup>17</sup> 1783, July 2. John Dobson of the parish of Gateshead and Susanna Morton, married by license. Witnesses, Dorothy Davison, Richard Jobson. *Wooler Registers*.

<sup>18</sup> The death of John Cook's first wife has been already noted, p. 242; the second wife, Miss Frances Beaumont, died at Belford and was buried at Long Houghton, 30 Dec., 1799, aged 77.

<sup>19</sup> In 1675 Roger Pearson, whose family held some property at Newton-by-the-Sea in Embleton, purchased lands at Titlington in Eglington from William Reed and was succeeded by his son, Jacob Pearson. The only surviving son of the latter, Roger Pearson, married in 1717, Rosamond, daughter of Edward Colville of Whitehouse in Heworth, butcher, and sister of Camilla, countess of Tankerville. They had issue two sons, Jacob and Edward, and six daughters, viz., Rosamond, wife first of David Clifton, and second, of George Dick; Jane, wife of George Potts of Whitehouse and Low-linn; Mary, wife of James Dagleish of Weetwood; Susanna, wife of John Sainple; Camilla mentioned in the text, and Sarah, the last survivor of the family, who died unmarried in 1809.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Nathaniel Widdrington, third and last surviving son of Robert Widdrington of Hauxley, by his wife Sarah, daughter and coheir of the Rev. Timothy Punshon of Killingworth, died unmarried, and by his will dated 28 April, 1783, gave his real estate to his cousin John Widdrington of Newcastle, banker, for the term of his life.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 247, *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> 'Thursday sennight. Mr. Dring, grocer, of Smithfield Bar, London, to Miss Maria Brown of Alnwick.' *Newcastle Courant*, 28 March, 1778. She was a daughter of the Diarist.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Ralph Bates of Holywell, eldest son of Ralph Bates of that place, born 1730. He was High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1762, and married, first, 10 July, 1759, Jane, daughter of James Mitford of Newcastle, and secondly, Anne, daughter of Henry Ellison of Park-house, Gateshead. He was succeeded by his eldest son (born of the second marriage), Ralph Bates of Holywell and Milbourne, lieut.-col., Enniskilling Dragoons.

1783. Aug. 10. Lord Algernon Percy and lady came to Alnwick Castle. An account of Her Majesty being delivered of a prince. Dr. Ford attended as physician.

1783. Aug. Sir John Hussey Delaval, bart., created a peer of Ireland by the title of Lord Delaval.

1783. Aug. 13. Mrs. Horsley set of for the south.<sup>5</sup>

1783. Aug. 16. Died at Greensfield, Miss Wake, aged 73.

1783. Aug. 20. Mr. Thompson, a farmer at Fenham-hill, hanged himself in his stable, being known to be insane some time.<sup>6</sup>

1783. Sept. 15. Married at Edlingham, Mr. Raine, attorney at law, and Miss Batey.<sup>7</sup>

1783. Sept. 18. Married at Alnwick, Mr. John Forster and Miss Baird.<sup>8</sup>

Mrs. Neal and H. Rutherford took the farm at Harley-hill at the audit, upon lease for 21 years at the rent of 52*l.* 10*s.*

1783. Sept. 22. Died, Anne, wife of Thomas Patterson, clerk of Alnwick parish, aged 49 (?).

1783. Sept. 23. Died suddenly at Broomhill, near Warkworth, Mr. Edward Brown, a farmer, aged 48.<sup>9</sup>

1783. Sept. Died in London, Lady Delaval, wife of Lord Delaval, formerly Sir John Hussey Delaval, bart.<sup>10</sup>

1783. Oct. 4. Died at Newcastle, Miss Younghusband of Budle, of a fever, aged 15.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The Diarist's daughter Jane, wife of John Horsley of Darlington, surgeon. They had with other issue, a son, Nicholas Horsley, captain in the army, whose daughter Margaret became wife of William, second Earl of Limerick.

<sup>6</sup> 'Wednesday se'nnight at Fenham-hill, near Belford, Mr. William Thompson, a wealthy farmer and corn merchant, greatly regretted by his family.' *Newcastle Courant*, 27 Sept., 1783.

<sup>7</sup> Mr. John Rain of Gray's Inn, Middlesex, married at Edlingham 16 Sept., 1783, Mary, daughter of Rev. Robert Batey, vicar of Edlingham.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. John Forster of Alnwick, linen draper, married Jane, daughter of William Baird of Alnmouth (by Jane Strother, his wife), and died 29 Aug., 1812, aged 66. They had (perhaps with other) issue four sons, Matthew, Richard Strother, John who assumed the name of Baird, William who also assumed the name of Baird, and four daughters, Jane wife of Henry Wilkinson, Grace wife of John Warren, Ann wife of Robert Chrissp, Mary wife of Joseph Graham. John Forster, afterwards Baird, baptized at Alnwick 8 March, 1791, was a surgeon in Newcastle and died at Kensington 15 June, 1844, leaving John Forster Baird, barrister-at-law, of Beaumont-hill, and other issue.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Edward Brown of Chevington Broomhill, eldest son of Edward Brown of the same place by his marriage at Woodhorn 28 May, 1739, with Jane Clark, was born at Hauxley and baptized at Warkworth 2 Dec., 1742. By his marriage with Frances, daughter of Robert Widdrington of Hauxley, he left an only surviving daughter, Sarah, afterwards wife of Rev. Joseph Cook of Newton-on-the-Moor.

<sup>10</sup> A 'character' of Lady Delaval, who was buried in Westminster Abbey with great pomp, may be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1783, p. 894.

<sup>11</sup> Pedigrees of Younghusband may be found in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. i., pp. 188, 414, but the person named in the text has not been identified.

1783. Oct. The Bank of Paris stopt payment, but Government has interfered for three months: national credit will suffer.

1783. Oct. 19. Died at Alnwick, Mr. James Gladstones, of an inflammation in his bowels.<sup>12</sup>

1783. Oct. On the 9th inst. peace was proclaimed in Alnwick.<sup>13</sup>

1783. Oct. 20. The mill in the Boag was set forward and corn was then grinded; Ra. Venis tenant to and under the town of Alnwick.<sup>14</sup>

1783. Oct. A number of bankrupts in France, occasioned by the failure of the Bank: the Dutch and Americans will both suffer greatly by it, but England will be triffling.

1783. Oct. 21. Mr. William Thompson, butcher, and Miss Wardell, of Cannongate, married.

1783. Oct. 21. Married at North Shields church, Walter Spencer Stanhope, esq., to Miss Pulleine, daughter of T. Babington Pulleine of Carlton, Yorkshire.<sup>15</sup>

1783. Oct. 28. Mrs. Dring set off for London with Miss Horsley for Darlington.

1783. Oct. 29. The card assembly begun at the White Swan.

1783. Oct. Died at Kirkleatham in Yorkshire, Sir Chas. Turner, bart., member for the city of York: a most worthy man in every station of life: left a son eleven years of age and two daughters.<sup>16</sup>

1783. Nov. 3. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Graham, aged 73, wife of Mr. A. Graham, bookseller.<sup>1</sup>

1783. Nov. 5. Died, Mr. John Trumble of Shilbottle, worth 2,000*l.*<sup>2</sup>

1783. Nov. Died, Right Hon. Earl Spencer at Bath; was there for the recovery of his health.

<sup>12</sup> 1729. Dec. 1. James, son of Mr. James Gladstains, Alnham, baptized, *Alnham Registers*.

<sup>13</sup> The Treaty of Peace, signed at Versailles 3 Sept., is printed in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1783, p. 877.

<sup>14</sup> This mill was erected on land, originally called Ranwell Strothers, on the eastern side of the town of Alnwick, belonging to the Corporation. It was taken down about 1804, but the farm on which it stood is still called Bog Mill.

<sup>15</sup> Miss Mary Winifred Pulleine was daughter of Thomas Babington Pulleine of Carlton, Yorkshire, by his wife Winifred, daughter of Edward Collingwood of Chirton. The issue of Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope succeeded to the Collingwood estates at Dissington and Shipley, and also (for a time) to Roddam.

<sup>16</sup> Sir Charles Turner (1726-1783) of Kirkleatham, in Cleveland, first baronet, was the only son of William Turner of that place by his wife Jane, daughter of Charles Bathurst of Clints. He married first Elizabeth, daughter of William Wombwell of Wombwell, and secondly Mary, daughter of James Shuttleworth of Gawthorpe.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Alexander Graham was a bookseller in Alnwick as early as 1746. He died 9 March, 1789, aged 77, and was succeeded in his business by his son Joseph Graham who, dying on 6 February, 1792, was succeeded by his sisters Mary Graham and Ann Smith.

<sup>2</sup> 1783. November 7. John Turnbull, Shilbottle, buried. *Shilbottle Registers*.

1783. Nov. Died at London, James Sharp, esq., ironfounder, brother to Dr. Sharp, archdeacon for Northumberland.<sup>3</sup>

1783. Nov. 13. Died at Morwick, John Grey, esq., aged 95; made a most curious (will) against his only son Charles.<sup>4</sup>

1783. Nov. Died, James Wallace, esq., barrister-at-law and His Majesty's attorney general.<sup>5</sup>

1783. Nov. John Lee, esq., attorney-general; James Mansfield, esq., solicitor-general to His Majesty.

Thomas Erskine, esq., attorney-general;—Pygott, esq., solicitor-general to the Prince of Wales.

Lord Galway elected member for the city of York, *vice* Turner.

Sir George Saville, bart., resigned his seat in Parliament for the county of York: has accepted of the Chiltern Hundreds.

1783. Nov. 22. Died at Newcastle, William Lowes, esq., of Ridley-hall, one of His Majestie's justices of the peace for Northumberland, aged 71.<sup>6</sup>

1783. Nov. A register-office proposed for the county of Northumberland, but great opposition to a bill in Parliament which is believed to end in nothing by the vast opposition to it, being a disadvantage to the public in general and of a general discovery.

1783. Dec. Great debates in the House of Lords and Commons about the East India Directors and Government: two Houses differ.

Great talk of the Parliament being dissolved upon the occasion.

New ministry and other arrangements as follows:—

(1) Hon. Wm. Pitt, esq., first Lord of the Treasury and Chancellor of Exchequer.

(2) Lord Thurlow, Chancellor.

(3) Marquis of Carmarthen and Lord Sidney, Secretaries of State.

(4) Duke of Rutland, Lord Privy Seal.

(5) Lord Gower, Lord President of Council.

(6) Lord Howe, first Lord of Admiralty.

<sup>3</sup> Mr James Sharp was son of Dr. Thomas Sharp, rector of Rothbury and archdeacon of Northumberland, and grandson of Dr. John Sharp, archbishop of York, and an ingenious mechanical inventor. A short biography may be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1783, p. 981.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. John Grey, third son of John Grey of Howick, married Anne, daughter and coheir of Edward Grey of Alnwick, by whose assistance he was able to purchase a family estate at Morwick. He devoted his life to the improvement of the property so acquired and was succeeded by his fourth and only surviving son, Charles Grey. See p. 239, *supra*.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. James Wallace, K.C., son of Thomas Wallace of Brampton, Cumberland, attorney, was baptized there 12 March, 1729. He was solicitor general, 1778, and attorney general, 1780, and again, 1783. He was succeeded by his only son Thomas, created Baron Wallace of Knaresdale.

<sup>6</sup> 1783. November 25. William Lowes, esq., buried. *Registers of St. John's, Newcastle.*

William Lowes of Ridley Hall in Haltwhistle, baptized 28 July, 1711, was an attorney in Newcastle, and high sheriff of Northumberland in 1773. He married Margaret, daughter of R. Marley of Pelton, county Durham, and left issue.

- (7) Duke of Richmond, Master of Ordnance.
- (8) Mr. Dundas, Treasurer of the Navy.
- (9) Mr. Jenkinson, Paymaster of the Forces.
- (10) Mr. Kenion, Attorney General.
- (11) Mr. Rd. Pepper, Solicitor General.
- (12) Marquis of Graham, Mr. Buller and others, Lords of the Treasury.
- (13) Lord Hood and others, Admiralty Board.
- (14) Earl Bathurst, Ranger of the Parks.
- (15) Sir George Howard, Commander in Chief.
- (16) Mr. Wm. Grenvill, joint Paymaster.
- (17) Mr. Salvin (?), Surveyor of the Crown Lands.
- (18) Mr. Eastwick, Secretary of Chelsea Hospital.
- (19) Hon. Thos. Pitt, created Baron Camelford.
- (20) Earl of Salisbury, Chamberlain.
- (21) Duke of Chandos, Lord Steward of the Household.
- (22) Duke de Ferrars, Captain of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners.
- (23) Duke of Dorset, Ambassador to Paris.
- (24) Earl of Chesterfield, Ambassador to Spain.
- (25) Earl of Effingham, Master of the Mint.
- (26) Lord Aylesford, Captain of the Yeomen of the Guards.  
Earl of Chesterfield, appointed one of the Privy Council.

1783. Dec. 11. Died, the Rev. Mr. Dockwray, vicar of Stamfordham and lecturer of St. Nicholas, Newcastle.<sup>7</sup>

1783. Dec. 20. Died, John Fenwick of Morpeth, M.D., with a good character, aged 62.<sup>8</sup>

1783. Dec. 23. Miss P. Brown set of [for] London ; Mrs. Gibson for South Sunderland.

1783. Dec. 28. Died, Mrs. Richardson, wife of Mr. Robert Richardson, attorney, aged 45.<sup>9</sup>

1783. Dec. Died, Mr. George Bullock, merchant, in Morpeth.<sup>10</sup>

1784. Jan. 6. Married at Alnwick church, Mr. George Selby,

<sup>7</sup> 1783. December 17. Rev. Thomas Dockwray, D.D., vicar of Stamfordham, buried. *Stamfordham Registers*.

Dr. Thomas Dockwray, eldest and only surviving son of Josias Dockwray of Wolviston, county Durham, by his wife, Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Toll of North Shields, was born *circa* 1726, and educated at St. John's College, Cambridge. He married Hannah, daughter of Robert Ellison of Otterburn, but died *s.p.*, the last, so far as is known, of the family of Dockwray.

<sup>8</sup> 1783. December 23. Dr. John Fenwick, buried. *Morpeth Registers*.

Dr. John Fenwick, eldest son of James Fenwick of Morpeth, was born 5 March, 1721/2, and educated at St. Andrews University. He practised at Morpeth, and married Mary daughter of John Thornton of Netherwitton, by whom he had issue two sons and three daughters. His will is dated 8 December, 1783.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. p. 246, *supra*.

<sup>10</sup> 1784. January 6. Mr. George Bullock buried. *Morpeth Registers*. He had 'carried on business in Morpeth for upwards of fifty years with the fairest character.' *Newcastle Courant*, 17 January, 1784.

formerly of Hunting-hall, to Miss Cook, daughter of Captain John Cook.<sup>11</sup>

1784. Jan. Sir George Saville, bart., member for the county of York, died at Bromley, aged 58.

Died, Frederick Bull, esq., member for London.

1784. Jan. Died at Morpeth, Major Mitford.<sup>11a</sup>

1784. Jan. Died at Newcastle, Mr. T. Slack, printer of the *Chronicle*, aged 66.<sup>12</sup>

1784. Jan. Died at Morpeth, Mr. Robert Saint, merchant, aged 50.<sup>13</sup>

1784. Jan. 29. Married, Henry Collingwood, esq., of Cornhill, to Miss Margaret Mills of Glanton Pike.<sup>14</sup>

1784. Jan. Died at York, Rev. Mr. Beardmoore, rector of Rothbury, aged 76.<sup>15</sup>

Earl of Oxford appointed Ranger of the Parks, not Earl Bathurst.

1784. Jan. Rev. Mr. Brand, curate of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, was appointed chaplain and secretary to the duke of Northumberland, also promoted by him to a living in the south.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Mr. George Selby of Hunting-hall in Lowick, third son and eventually heir of Prideaux Selby of Beal, married Margaret, daughter of John Cook, master and mariner (see p. 231n, *supra*), (who married, secondly, Rev. Matson Dodd, whom his stepson presented to the rectory of Ingram). He afterwards resided at Twizell-house in Bamburghshire, an estate his son Prideaux Selby, the distinguished naturalist, did so much to adorn with plantations of forest and ornamental timber. George Selby died, 31st October 1804, aged 80.

<sup>11a</sup> Mr. Robert Mitford of Mitford, was buried at Mitford 18th Jan., 1784, aged about 66 years.

<sup>12</sup> 1784. January 16. Thomas Slack, buried. *Registers of St. John's, Newcastle*. Mr. Thomas Slack the original printer and proprietor of the *Newcastle Chronicle*, died 13 January, 1784, aged 65, and was buried at St. John's, Newcastle, being succeeded in his business as printer and publisher by his son-in-law Solomon Hodgson, who married Sarah Slack, 15 February, 1785. Cf. *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 3 ser., vol. iii., pp. 33-37.

<sup>13</sup> 1784. January 27. Mr. Robert Saint, buried. *Morpeth Registers*. He was brother of Thomas Saint, the Newcastle printer, and the third son of Joseph Saint of Morpeth who died in 1764. His wife, Esther, daughter of George Kent, married secondly, at Morpeth on the 22 September, 1788, Charles Granville Wheler.

<sup>14</sup> Mr. Henry Collingwood of Cornhill was eldest son and heir of John Collingwood of Fleet Street, London, who had succeeded to Branxton, Cornhill, etc., at the death of his eldest brother, Henry Collingwood, in 1783 (*supra*, p. 249). He married three times, first (as above), at Whittingham, Margaret, daughter of John Mills of Glanton; secondly, Dorothy, daughter of William Wilkinson of Coxhoe; and third, Mary Anne, daughter of Dr. Watson, rector of Rothbury.

<sup>15</sup> William Berdmore (*query*, of Merton College, Oxford) was presented to the rectory of Rothbury in 1750; he was also prebendary of Bugthorpe in the cathedral of York. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1784, p. 73.

<sup>16</sup> John Brand, the author of a *History of Newcastle*, still a standard work, was educated at Newcastle grammar school and Lincoln College, Oxford. Under-usher at Newcastle Grammar School, and perpetual curate of St. Andrew's

1784. Jan. 29. Lady Algernon Percy delivered of two sons.<sup>17</sup>

1784. Jan. 30. Died at Ravensworth, the Right Hon. Lord Ravensworth, of the stone in his bladder, aged 76.<sup>18</sup>

1784. Feb. Brook Watson, esq., elected member of Parliament for London in the room of Mr. Bull, deceased.

1784. Feb. Duke of Northumberland created Lord Lovaine, Baron of Alnwick, with remainder to his second son, Lord Algernon Percy.<sup>19</sup>

1784. Feb. 6. Married at Alnwick, Mr. Vincent Shepherd, carpenter, and Mrs. Reed of Peak's Hole.<sup>19a</sup>

1784. Feb. Died at Newcastle, John Baker, esq., one of the aldermen there, aged 76.<sup>20</sup>

1784. Feb. Lord Lumley to take the name of Saville.<sup>1</sup>

1784. Feb. 15. An address to His Majesty went from the Chamberlains, Common Council, freeholders and principal inhabitants [of Alnwick] thanking His Majesty for dismissing his late ministers—Lord North and Mr. Fox—and making choice of men of abilities and talents to support the constitution of the nation—Mr. Pitt and others.

In this king's reign to this time, peers created, to wit:—dukes, two; earls, eleven; viscounts, nine; barons, thirty-eight. Scots peers made peers of Great Britain, five; Irish peers made peers of Great Britain, fourteen.

Duke of Rutland appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Earl Temple to be Lord Privy Seal.

1784. Feb. 19. Town-moor of Alnwick:—A petition presented for the improvement thereof and delivered to the House of Commons. The Chancellor of the Exchequer signified His Majesty's consent thereto—and ordered to be considered in a committee of the whole House on Monday, 23rd.

in that town, and also of Cramlington, he was presented to the united parish of St. Mary at Hill and St. Andrew Hubbard, as stated above, by the first Duke of Northumberland. He was also secretary to the Society of Antiquaries of London, until his death, 11 September, 1806, at the age of 62.

<sup>17</sup> They were Hugh Percy, D.D., bishop of Carlisle, and Vice-Admiral Josceline Percy.

<sup>18</sup> Sir Henry Liddell, fourth baronet and first Baron Ravensworth, leaving issue a daughter only, the peerage became extinct, and the baronetcy descended to his nephew, Henry George Liddell of Newton Hall. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 7 February, 1784.

<sup>19</sup> Algernon, Lord Lovaine, was afterwards created Earl of Beverley.

<sup>19a</sup> Mr. Vincent Shepherd, who designed some of the 'gothic' ornamentation inserted in Alnwick chancel in 1782, died in 1812, aged 62.

<sup>20</sup> John Baker, son of Francis Baker of Tanfield, was enrolled apprentice 16 October, 1729, to Thomas Airey of Newcastle, hostman. He married at Horton Chapel, 1 July, 1762, Elizabeth, daughter of William Reed of West Hartford. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 14 February, 1784.

<sup>1</sup> Apparently, the Rev. John Lumley, prebendary of York (fourth son of the fourth Earl of Scarborough and himself eventually the seventh earl), who assumed the name of Saville about this time pursuant to the will of his maternal uncle, Sir George Saville of Rufford, bart.

1784. Feb. 20. An address delivered by Lord Algernon Percy to His Majesty at the levee (containing as before) which was most graciously received. Also a letter sent that day from Lord Algernon to the Chamberlains.

1784. March. Sir Francis Blake of Fowberry, bart., appointed high sheriff.

His Majesty has given positive answers to his Commons that he won't change his ministry, he having a power to nominate, and besides not charged with any crime.

Died, the Hon. Thos. Sewell, knight, Master of the Rolls.

Died, John Elspinall, serjeant-at-law.

1784. March. Died, Miss Clifton, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Clifton of Embleton, aged 39.

1784. March. Married at Newcastle, Mr. William Smart of Wark to Miss Bulman—6,000<sup>l</sup>.<sup>2</sup>

Lloyd Kenion, esq., appointed Master of the Rolls: the income as follows:—

Rolls estate, established 1757 at ...	...	£1,500
do. by Act 1773	...	1,250
Fees of Court	...	1,250
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£4,000		

Rd. Pepper Arden, esq., appointed to the office of attorney-general. Arch. McDonald, esq., solicitor-general.

1784. March. Master Thomas Middleton, second son of Sir William Middleton, bart., of Belsay, killed from his galloway.<sup>3</sup>

1784. March. Sir Edward Swinburn of Capheaton, bart., had his leg broke by a fall when hunting.

1784. March 25. The House of Parliament dissolved on account of the discords subsisting amongst the members of the Commons with respect to the present ministry. The seals of Great Britain stole out of the Chancellor's house in Ormond Street—very remarkable circumstance at this time.

1784. April. No contest for the city of Durham; John Tempest, esq., and Gen. John Lambton elected April 1.

1784. April. No contest for Berwick upon Tweed; Lord Delaval and General Vaughan elected April 2.

1784. April 6. No contest for the borough of Morpeth; Peter Delme, esq., and Sir James Erskine, bart., elected.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. William Smart was second son and devisee of Robert Smart of Belford West Hall and of Hobberlaw in Alnwick, a mathematician and mechanical inventor of more than local celebrity. He farmed at Wark-on-Tweed, and he married at St. John's Church, Newcastle, 6 March, 1784, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Bulman of Newcastle. By articles before marriage dated 1 and 2 March, 1784, her marriage portion of £4,000 (not £6,000) was vested in James Pollard of Newcastle, flax dresser, and John Bulman of Newcastle, hardwareman. There seems to have been no issue of the marriage.

<sup>3</sup> 1784. 15 March. Master Thomas Ogle Middleton, son of Sir William Middleton of Belsay, bart., buried. *Bolam Registers.*

1784. April. No contest for the county of Durham; Sir Thos. Clavering, bart., and Sir John Eden, bart., elected April 6.

1784. April 15. No contest for Northumberland; Lord Algernon Percy and Sir William Middleton, bart., elected April 15. At the election for representatives for the county of Northumberland, it was after moved by Mr. Trevellion with respect to the petition for a register-bill for the county, that the same may be disannulled from the consideration of a counter petition before a committee, it appearing before them that there were only for the petition 360 free-holders, and against it 1,210, so the majority were 850, upon which state[ment] from the committee it was then settled that the original petition should be withdrawn, which gave great satisfaction to the county. An assembly was given by the members.

1784. April. A contest at Newcastle upon Tyne, Sir M. W. Ridley, A. R. Bowes, esq., Chas. Brandling, esq., candidates. Bowes resigned. Ridley and Brandling elected April 25.

1784. April 1. Died at Durham in prime of life, after a short illness, Mr. Christopher Chrisop, attorney-at-law.<sup>4</sup>

1784. April 8. Mrs. Taylor and Miss Thornton set off in their journey for Durham, then to continue, but without taking leave of, etc.

Mr. Smith, schoolmaster, had an examination of his scholars at the town-hall; they behaved well.

1784. April. Contest for London. Elected:—Brook Watson, esq., Alderman Lewes, Alderman Newnham, Alderman Sawbridge.

Contest for Norwich. Elected:—Sir Harbord Harbord, bart., —. Windham, esq.

Contest for Lynn. Elected:—Hon. Horatio Walpole, Crisp Molyneaux, esq.

Contest for Cambridge. Elected:—Hon. Mr. Pitt, Lord Euston.

No contest for the county of York. Elected:—Thos. Duncombe, esq., —. Wilberforce, esq.

Contest for Yarmouth. Elected:—Sir John Jervis, Henry Beaufoy, esq.

Contest for Newcastle under Line. Elected:—Arch. McDonald, esq., Richd. Vernon, esq.

Contest for Scarborough. Elected:—Earl of Tyrconnel, Geo. Osbaldeston, esq.

No contest for Aldborough, York. Elected:—Gailey Knight, esq., Rd. Pepper Arden, esq.

No contest for Beverley. Elected:—Sir Christ. Sykes, bart., Sir Jas. Pennyman, bart.

Contest for Boroughbridge. Elected:—Lord Viscount Palmerston, Sir Rich. Sutton, bart.

<sup>4</sup> 'In his profession, of great knowledge, diligence and integrity . . . distinguished in society for a happy union of candour, modesty and good sense.' *Newcastle Courant*, 3 April, 1784.

1784. April 24. Died at Harlow-hill, Mr. William Baird of Alnmouth, aged 60.<sup>5</sup>

1784. April 27. Died at Alnwick, William Smart, esq., of Trewitt, aged 79.<sup>6</sup>

1784. April. Died, William Ward, esq., of Nunnykirk, at London.<sup>7</sup>

1784. April. Mr. William Wilson, mercer, was made free of the town and borough of Alnwick.

1784. May. At the contested election for the city of Westminster which begun the first day of April and ended the 17th of this month, the candidates were:—Lord Hood, Sir Cecil Wray, bart., Hon. Charles I. Fox. Upon the close of the poll the numbers were:—for Lord Hood 6,694, Mr. Fox 6,233, Mr. Wray 5,998. But there being great disputes about the legality of Mr. Fox's votes, and very bad practices made use of, by him and his agents during such tedious polling, the High Bayliff of Westminster would not return Mr. Fox, but acquies'd to a requisition made by Sir Cecil Wray for a scrutiny to be had of votes, which will begin on the 28 day of this month.

1784. May. An assembly was given at Newcastle, the 5th inst., by Sir M. W. Ridley, bart., and C. Brandling, esq., the new elected members.

1784. May 18. The parliament met pursuant to the directions given at the time of dissolution, when Charles Wolfray Cornwall, esq., was unanimously approved to be re-elected as Speaker of the House of Commons which received the approbation of His Majesty.

On account of Westminster election being mov'd in the House against the High Bayliff, the majority on behalf of ministry were 147.

With respect to an address to His Majesty on account of his speech from the Throne, were 168 majority in the House.

1784. May 30. Died, John Ramsay of the south-turnpike gate, aged 79.

1784. June. Died, Sir Barnard Turner, knight, one of the Sheriffs for London, and Member of Parliament for Southwark, with a good character, aged 44.

1784. June 10. The High Bayliff of Westminster acquitted from Mr. Fox's charge and ordered by the House of Commons (a great

<sup>5</sup> Mr. William Baird of Alnmouth, married at Morpeth 5 Jan., 1756, Jane Strother of Alnwick, by whom he had with other issue, William Baird of Alnwick, Richard Baird who died in 1787 (see *post*, p. 292), Strother Baird, Thomas Baird, Jane wife of John Forster of Alnwick (see p. 251, *supra*), Elizabeth and Mary.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. William Smart, baptized at Belford, 20 Dec., 1705, was eldest son of John Smart of that place, and uncle of William Smart, whose marriage is noted above (p. 257). He was a leading and extensive farmer in Northumberland, and acquired property at Trewitt and at Netherton-in-Coquetdale. He married at Bamburgh, March 23, 1758, Sarah Aird of Stockton, by whom he left issue.

<sup>7</sup> Mr. William Ward, second son of William Ward of Morpeth and of Nunnykirk, was baptized at Morpeth on the 13 December, 1733, and succeeded to Nunnykirk on the death of his eldest brother in 1779. He married at Morpeth on the 12 June, 1771, Miss Ann Ord, but died *s.p.*

majority) that the High Bayliff shall proceed forward with the scrutiny. Mr. Fox and a few of the electors entered a protest against the scrutiny, under hands.

1784. June 20. An account of Ralph Clavering, esq.'s, affairs being in confusion, but by the assistance of his friends the same are put upon a settlement for his creditors.<sup>8</sup>

1784. July 8. A county court (bad one).

1784. July 10. Miss R. Gallon removed to Thos. Sewel's to lodge.<sup>9</sup>

1784. July 11. Rev. Mr. C. Charlton<sup>10a</sup> preached his first sermon in Alnwick church from St. John viii., 7.

1784. July. Died, Miss Dolly Falder of Alnwick, aged . . . .<sup>10</sup>

1784. July. Died at Berwick, Mrs. Potts, sister to Mrs. Taylor, aged 72.

1784. July. Died at Craster, Daniel Craster, esq., aged 59.<sup>11</sup>

1784. July. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Learmouth, aged 61.

1784. July. Duke of Northumberland nor none of the family at the Castle this year.

A crop of hay belonging to Thomas Busby, farmer in Barny-side.

1784. July. Died at Lesbury, the Rev. Mr. William Forster, vicar of that place and Longhoughton, aged 61.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Ralph Clavering of Callaley, son and heir of Ralph Clavering of the same place, by his wife Mary, daughter of Nicholas Stapleton of Ponteland and of Carlton, West Riding of Yorkshire, was born 29 June, 1727. He married three times, first at St. George's, Hanover Square, July, 1757. Eliza, daughter of James Egan, second in Paris, Aug., 1764, Frances, daughter of John Lynch of Bordeaux, and third at St. James', London, 20 June, 1767, Mary, daughter of Edward Walsh. He had issue by his second and third wives.

<sup>9</sup> For a pedigree of Gallon of Alnwick see new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. pp. 486-488.

<sup>10a</sup> Mr. Charles Charlton, a younger son of William Charlton of Lee-hall, commissioner to the first Duke of Northumberland, was educated at Lincoln College, Oxford, and was vicar of Tynemouth from 1789 to his death 18 Aug., 1824.

<sup>10</sup> Dorothy, daughter of John Falder of Alnwick, the elder, surgeon, by his wife Ann, daughter of Lieutenant John Hall, of Hobberlaw, died 9 July, 1784. Cf. Monumental Inscription Alnwick Chancel.

<sup>11</sup> Daniel Craster of Craster, eldest son of Daniel Craster of the same place, baptized at Embleton 19 July, 1723, was High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1779. In the announcement of his death in the *Newcastle Chronicle* 7 Aug., 1784, he is described as 'a man of extensive understanding in agriculture.' By his wife Anne, daughter of John Coulter of Newcastle, he had issue five sons and four daughters.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. William Forster, third son of Joseph Forster of Newton-by-the-Sea, was born at High Buston, baptized at Warkworth 27 March, 1722, and educated at Lincoln College, Oxford. He was presented to the vicarage of Long Houghton in 1752, which he continued to hold with that of Lesbury from 1775 until his death, 31 Aug., 1784. By his wife Margaret, daughter of John Cameron of Fassefern, he had, with other issue, two sons and four daughters.

1784. Aug. 3. Alnwick races,<sup>13</sup> Mr. Carr's colt win.  
 1784. Aug. 4. , Mr. Hutchinson mare win.  
 1784. Aug. 5. , Mr. Charlton's mare win.  
 1784. Aug. 6. Died at North Acton, John Ord, esq., of Morpeth, aged 83.<sup>14</sup>  
 1784. Aug. 12. A woman, by name Murray, died in Cannongate, aged 108.  
 The Tea Act and Window-sess Act passed the House of Commons.  
 1784. Aug. 22. Died, Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. J. Smith, school-master.  
 1784. Sept. 11. Died at Tuggle-hall, Samuel Younghusband, esq., aged 68.<sup>15</sup>  
 1784. Sept. 21. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Jane Strother, aged 82.<sup>16</sup>  
 1784. Sept. On the . . . day of this month was married Rich. Pepper Arden,<sup>17</sup> esq., attorney-general, to Miss Bootle, daughter of Richard Wilbraham Bootle, esq., F.R.S., Latham-hall, near Ormskirk, Lancashire, member for the city of Chester.  
 1784. Oct. Died, Francis Forster, esq., an alderman of Newcastle upon Tyne.<sup>18</sup>  
 1784. Oct. The Rev. Mr. Percival Stockdale promoted to the livings of Lesbury and Longhoughton.  
 1784. Oct. Thomas Selby, esq., of Biddlestone, left the country on account of debt, being much in debt, and the servants all discharged.<sup>19</sup>  
 1784. Nov. 2. Mr. John Brown came to Alnwick from London.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>13</sup> The race-course was on that high ground on Alnwick moor called Hobberlaw Edge.

<sup>14</sup> Mr John Ord, who died when on a visit to his son-in-law, Mr. Robert Lisle of North Acton, was buried at Morpeth. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 14 August, 1784.

<sup>15</sup> Mr. Samuel Younghusband, eldest son of Thomas Younghusband of Budle and Tuggal, was born *circa* 1716. He married first Anne, daughter of William Clavering of Berrington, by whom he had at least three sons, and second, Mary Story who survived him.

<sup>16</sup> Jane, daughter of Richard Strother, was baptized at Alnwick, 16 Nov., 1702. Will dated 28 Aug., 1782.

<sup>17</sup> Richard Pepper Arden (1745-1804) of Trinity College, Cambridge, and of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law, Master of the Rolls, afterwards created Lord Alvanley.

<sup>18</sup> Mr. Francis Forster, fourth son of Joseph Forster of Newton-by-the-Sea, baptized at Embleton 16 Jan., 1725/6, was apprenticed 17 Jan., 1742, to John Kelley of Newcastle, boothman, and admitted free of Merchants' Company, 13 Jan., 1752. He was mayor of Newcastle 1769 and 1779, and was a partner in the sugar-house in the Close and also in the Commercial Bank. He married Eleanor, daughter of Robert Greave of Gateshead, saddler and hardwareman, and left issue.

<sup>19</sup> Mr. Thomas Selby, the head of the very ancient family of Selby of Biddlestone, was born at York on the 20 April, 1711, and dying on the 26 May, 1787, was buried with his ancestors in the chancel of Alwinton.

<sup>20</sup> The Diarist's son John, who was baptized at Alnwick on the 19th October, 1757.

1784. Nov. 29. Rev. Mr. Stockdale was inducted to the livings of Longhoughton and Lesbury by the Rev. Mr. S. Hall.

1784. Dec. 5. A great storm at sea, snow and frost, and a most incredible loss at sea, the greatest number of wrecks of ships on the coast that ever were known.

1784. Dec. 27. Rev. Mr. Goodwell of Kyloe preached a sermon on behalf of the Society of Masons.

1784. Dec. 27. Mr. John Brown set on his journey for London.

1784. Dec. 30. Rev. Mr. Stockdale came to board at N[icholas] B[rown]'s house.

1785. Jan. 2. Were married at Alnwick church, Captain Joseph Wood to Miss Dodds.<sup>1</sup>

1785. Feb. 6. Died at Alnwick, Rev. Mr. T. Knipe, curate, much lamented, aged 58, had served the parish 27 years with unblemished character.

1785. Feb. 13. A funeral sermon was then preached there by the Rev. Mr. Percival Stockdale to a numerous congregation—beyond imagination—from 1 Samuel xx., 3, to the great satisfaction of the audience.<sup>2</sup>

1785. Feb. 20. Died at Alnwick, Robert Mackey, gardener, aged 50.

1785. Feb. 22. Died at Beal, John Selby, esq., aged 69—50,000*l.* fortune.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Joseph Wood was a major in the Northumberland Militia and resided at Embleton; his wife was Miss Ann Dodds, daughter of Mr. John Dodds, deceased, a major in the East India Company's Service. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 8 Jan., 1785. Cf. Monumental Inscription, Embleton.

<sup>2</sup> This sermon was preached by Mr. Stockdale, and published and sold by Alexander Graham, bookseller in Alnwick. It was dedicated 'to Edward Jerningham, esq.'

<sup>3</sup> The Rev. Percival Stockdale, writing from Lesbury on the 26 October, 1785, to his friend and correspondent, Mr. Loggen, attorney, 83, Basinghall Street, London, says:—

'John Selby, esq. of Beal, in the county of Durham, uncle of my friend Mr. George Selby of Foxton-hall, very near me, and in Northumberland, died on the 21st of February last. He had but one brother, a George Selby, aged 62 last July, to whom for his natural life he left an estate, now lett for £1,561 per annum, together with £8,000 vested in trust to purchase its value in estate, which additional estate was to descend with the £1,561 per annum. I must here observe that as this £8,000 is not at all mentioned in his will, it was found at the time of his death by his executors, in bonds and mortgages, and is exclusive of the payment of all his debts and legacies. £2,000 with £50 a year for life would likewise revert to the residue of the estate in case of the death of an illegitimate daughter of the said John Selby, esq., which daughter is six years of age. The estate is charged with annuities to the amount of about £200, which annuities are granted to old people and only for the term of their lives. The present George Selby, aged 62, who inherits the estate, is married to a young woman of about 30, by whom he has a daughter, who cannot enjoy the estate, as it is entailed on male heirs. The wife of the said George Selby is reported to be pregnant. If he has no male heir the estate, at his death, descends to my friend Mr. George Selby of Foxton-hall, as you will see by the will. This gentleman is 39 years of age, and though I remarked his constitu-

1785. March 4. The scrutiny for Westminster put an end to Parliament, (*sic*) and the High Bayliff has made his return as below:—Admiral Hood 6,588, Mr. Fox 6,126, Sir Cecil Wray 5,895. Great illuminations and rejoicings. Hood majority of Fox, 462; Fox majority of Wrey, 231; polled upon the whole, 18,609.

1785. April. Motion made in the House of Commons for a tax on attorneyes, also on hawkers and pedlers; likewise on gloves and mittons.

1785. April 20. William Gibson, esq., town-clerk of Newcastle, died, and Nathaniel Clayton, esq., succeeded him in that office.<sup>4</sup>

1785. April. Lady Percy delivered of twins: great rejoiceing.

1785. May 3. Died at Bordeaux, in France, Mr. David Cunningham, merchant in Alnwick.<sup>5</sup>

1785. May 15. Mr. John Atkinson fixed as curate of Longhoughton, under the Rev. Mr. Stockdale, at 30*l.* per annum.

1785. May 20. Archdeacon's court.

1785. May. Married, Mr. John Dodds, attorney at law, and Miss James, daughter of Mr. William James, attorney, at Morpeth.

1785. June 1. A meeting of the Sons of the Clergy.

1785. June 9. Mr. Thomas Davidson, attorney at law, and Miss Allen married.<sup>6</sup>

1785. June 9. Died, Gabriel Selby, esq., of Pawston, one of His Majestie's justices of the peace.<sup>7</sup>

tion is delicate, I am firmly of opinion that by the care which he will always take of it, he will in all probability see a good old age. He has been married seven years to a very sensible economical woman; he has no children. He wishes to raise on his chance of inheriting this estate the sum of £4,000.' From the original letter in the possession of Dr. C. C. Burman.

Mr. George Selby, the brother of the testator, subsequently had two sons, viz., Prdeaux Selby, the distinguished ornithologist, and Captain George Selby, R.N.

Mr. George Selby of Foxton, mentioned in Stockdale's letter, was born on the 13 July, 1746, being the eldest son of George Selby of Alnwick, attorney, by his wife Mary, sister of John Selby of Beal, named in the text. His marriage with Helen Nott has been already mentioned (p. 234, *supra*); he died 10 June, 1815, *s.p.* His younger brother was Henry Collingwood Selby of Swansfield, frequently named in these pages.

<sup>4</sup> This date is incorrect, for the *Newcastle Courant* of Saturday, 2nd July, 1785, reports that Mr. Nathaniel Clayton had been elected to be town clerk on the previous Tuesday, in the room of Mr. William Gibson, *resigned*, and the next issue of the same newspaper, on July 9, announced the death on Tuesday (5th July) of Mr. William Gibson, 'late town clerk of this Corporation.'

<sup>5</sup> Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 4 June, 1785.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Thomas Davidson, of Newcastle, attorney and clerk of the peace for Northumberland, was born 22 May, 1754, being the third son of Thomas Davidson of Newcastle, also clerk of the peace for Northumberland, by his wife Eleanor, daughter of John Lowes of Ridley Hall. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Cuthbert Allan, vicar of Wooler, and there was issue of the marriage.

<sup>7</sup> 'Thursday se'nnight at Pawston, in Northumberland, Gabriel Selby, esq., one of H.M. justices of the peace, and many years lieutenant-colonel of the

1785. June 14. Died, Mr. Daniel Alder of Adderston, steward there, aged 65.<sup>8</sup>

1785. June 28. Married, Mr. Joseph Baron to Miss Smart.<sup>9</sup>

1785. July 9. Married at Lamesley in the county of Durham, John Smart, esq., of Trewitt, to Miss Lynn.<sup>10</sup>

1785. July. On the 11th of this month His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, with Mr. Moore, secretary to the Royal Society, came to Alnwick Castle.

1785. July. On the 20th of this month Earl Percy, lady and children came to Alnwick Castle.

1785. July. On the 23rd of this month William Garret<sup>11</sup> of Battlebridge, farmer, was unfortunately killed from his horse in the road home from Alnwick.

militia of that county, and on Saturday his remains were interred in the family vault at Cornhill, attended by the Earl of Home, Sir Francis Blake, bart., and a number of other gentlemen in carriages and on horseback.' *Newcastle Courant*, 18th June, 1785.

Mr. Gabriel Selby was the eldest son of Gerard Selby of Pawston, who was buried at Cornhill on the 3rd August, 1720. The following is an abstract of his will:—

1720. 24 July. Will of Gerard Selby of Pawston in the parish of Kirknewton, gent. To my wife Sarah £50 per annum out of Pawston and Harelaw. My lands and tithes to my friends Gabriel Hall of Catcleugh, esq. Martin Hall of Chatop, gent., Thomas Hall of Birreness, gent., Edward Hall, gent., captain in Lord Hinchinbrooke's regiment, son of the said Gabriel Hall, Reynold Hall of Newbiggin, gent., and John Anderson of Newcastle, saddler, in trust for my eldest son Gabriel Selby and his heirs. My wife to have Pawston for her life. My daughters Margaret, Ann, Elizabeth, and my youngest son Gerard £1,000. My wife executor. Pr. at Durham, 1721. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

<sup>8</sup> 'Died Tuesday se'nnight Daniel Alder of Adderstone, near Belford, esq., land agent for the Bacon and other families, who has long been distinguished as an example of uprightness and ability.' *Newcastle Courant*, 25 June, 1785.

Here lies the body of Mr. Daniel Alder of Adderston, formerly of Mounton, who departed this life the 14th day of June, 1785, aged 67 years. Monumental Inscription, Bamburgh. Cf. pedigree of Alder, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii., p. 440.

1785. 26 May. Will of Daniel Alder of Adderson, esq. To Nicholas Brown Forster of Peterhouse, Cambridge, esq., and Bryan Grey of Alnwick, gent., all my lands, etc., at Glanton, Rothbury, Low and High Framlington, in the county of Northumberland, and at Escomb in the co. Pal. Durham, in trust for my great nephew Daniel Alder, son of my late nephew John Alder of London, merchant, deceased, and his heirs male; remainder to my neice Frances Alder of London, spinster; my neice Jane, wife of Joseph Falder of Alnwick, surgeon; Mary Alder, widow of my late nephew John Falder; my neice Elizabeth Yourle (?) of Newcastle, spinster. Pr. at Durhain. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

<sup>9</sup> *Query*, a daughter of Mr. Robert Smart of Hobberlaw.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. John Smart of Trewhitt was apparently born at Spindleston, being the eldest son of William Smart. He married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Robert Lynn of Kibblesworth and of Mainsforth, co. Durham, by whom he had issue four sons and four daughters.

<sup>11</sup> 1785. July 26. William Garrett of Battle-bridge buried. *Edlington Registers.*

1785. July 24. Rev. Mr. P. Stockdale preached before the Judges of Assize at St. Nicholas, Newcastle: his text, Genesis i., 27.

Rev. Mr. Nicholas Brown<sup>12</sup> preached at Alnwick church: his text, Zechariah v., 3 and 4.

1785. July 27. Right Hon. Lord Algernon Percy with John Blacket, esq., of Wylam, came to Alnwick Castle.

1785. Aug. Great company at the Castle visiting, among whom were Lord Viscount Stormont, Lord Erroll, etc.

1785. Aug. 16. Alnwick races, John Wetherel, esq., win.

1785. Aug. 17. " Mr. Simpson's roan mare win.

1785. Aug. 18. " Joseph Cookson, esq.'s Dunce win.

1785. Aug. 26. The foundation stone of the bridge across the road at Denwick (over dry land) was laid. Lord Warkworth, with his father Earl and Lady Percy, attended.

1785. Sept. 10. Died at Callowley, Miss Clavering, daughter of R. Clavering, esq.<sup>1</sup>

1785. Sept. 22. His Grace Duke of Northumberland set of southward from Alnwick Castle with Mr. Moore.

Died, Mrs. Frankland, wife of — Frankland, esq., of Durham.<sup>2</sup>

Died, Mr. Henry Howey, of the Wooler-haugh-head, aged 70.<sup>3</sup>

1785. Sept. 29. William Yielder, esq., elected mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Chamberlains for Alnwick, Mr. Thos. Moffit, L. Hindmarsh, Jos. Baron, Ra. Annett.

1785. Oct. 20. Died, Doctor Mitford of Morpeth with a good character.<sup>4</sup>

1785. Oct. 31. Died at Low Newton, Mrs. Brown, wife of Alexander Brown of Branton, esq., aged 75.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>12</sup> The Rev. Nicholas Brown, D.D., fourth son and eventually heir of Alexander Brown of Branton, baptized at Eglingham on the 4 April, 1736, and educated at Christ College, Cambridge, of which society he was afterwards a fellow. He was successively rector of St. Nicholas', Rochester, and rector of Ingoldsby, Lincolnshire. He died at Rochester on the 13 Feb., 1810. Cf. *Gent's. Mag.*, 1810.

<sup>1</sup> The *Newcastle Courant* of 10 September, 1785, states that Miss Clavering died 'at Rothbury where she went for the recovery of her health.'

<sup>2</sup> Eleanor, daughter and coheir of Nicholas Brown of Bolton, was married at St. Oswald's, Durham, 8 July, 1772, to Mr. John Frankland of Durham, grandson of Anthony Frankland of Richmond. By this marriage, she had, with other issue four sons, John, William, Thomas, and Anthony, and died 27 Sept., 1785, aged 42.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Henry Howey was the lessee of the old coaching inn at Wooler-haugh head and also chief proprietor of a system of waggons which carried goods between Newcastle and Edinburgh by way of Wooler and Coldstream. He died 15 Sept., 1785, and his widow Frances, on 23 Dec., 1791. Cf. M.I. Ilderton. *Newcastle Courant*, 24 Sept., 1785.

<sup>4</sup> The entry in the text is not supported by a corresponding entry either in the Morpeth or Mitford Registers of Burials.

<sup>5</sup> She was daughter of Rev. Charles Stoddard, vicar of Eglingham, was married there 19 Feb., 1730/1, and was buried at Bolton chapel 4 Nov., 1785.

1785. Nov. 1. The attorneys' tax of 3 guineas per annum took place, and to have certificates for practicing.

1785. Nov. 1. Mrs. Stockdale, wife of the Rev. Mr. Stockdale, unexpectedly came to Lesbury by shiping to Alemouth from London.<sup>1</sup>

1785. Nov. 18. N[icholas] B[rown] had a severe fit of the rheumatism, an acute pain for 16 hours.

With other issue she had four sons, Thomas, William, Charles, a physician in Newcastle, and Nicholas, D.D., also three daughters, Barbara, who married her kinsman Alexander Brown of Doxford, Jane and Martha, both of whom died unmarried.

<sup>1</sup> Percival Stockdale (1736-1811), vicar of Lesbury and Long Houghton, after living apart from his wife was hoaxed by a communication announcing her death.

The following letters, from the collection of Dr. C. C. Burman of Alnwick, supplement the statement in the text:—

To 'Mr. Loggen, attorney at law, No. 83, Basinghall Street, London.'

My dear Sir. I am in great anguish of mind; but am endeavouring, as much as I can, not to forget my necessary interest. Distraction of grief is prejudicial to the living and alas! unavailing to the dead. I have lost my wife; an excellent woman of whom I was not worthy! My reliance on your goodness and regard for me makes me presume much on that goodness and that regard: will you be pleased not to lose any time, after reading this letter which I am going to copy for your perusal: will you repair to Gower Street, and if there should be any impossibility of Mr. Kettle's acting for me agreeably to the tenour of the following letter, will you generously fulfill it, and let me hear from you very soon, and completely, on its contents. I ever am most affectionately and respectfully &c. Percival Stockdale.

Lesbury near Alnwick, Northumberland, Oct. 28, 1785.

To the same.

My dear Sir. My sincere heart thanks you for your pacquet of the 5th and for all your generous attention to the most unfortunate of men. Mrs. Stockdale's most unexpected and violent and most unjustifiable invasion of me has almost distracted me: in short it ruins me in my native country, and is almost equal to the depriving me of both the livings. She had repeatedly proposed to come hither and I wrote strongly, and perseveringly against the proposal. I told her that I would rather sacrifice ten thousand existences than live with her here. She had repeatedly promised, after I had made over to her £50 a year (vested it in trust, it was all that I had, and I was totally unestablished) she had repeatedly promised that she would never molest me:—yet I am as sorry for her misery as for my own! 'Oh! Sensibility! I now feel all thy agonies.' You may be assured my good friend that I am not at present in a tone of mind to be an advocate for the good effects of extreme susceptibility of constitution.

I have had great difficulties to surmount, and I had almost surmounted them all. The qualifications necessary for the holding of my two livings, and furniture and necessary repairs had cost me about £300. I was going to sit down quietly here, for the sake of my literary fame and for the honour of my integrity; I had begun to plan my tragedy; I was planning in the very moment when my wife entered my parlour, and when I was certain that she was a corpse in London. But now all my laudable prospects and exertions are dashed to pieces; and I have not the least glimmering here of happiness but in flying to some propitious spot where it will not be in the power of my evil genius to reach me. I should deem the person my greatest enemy, who would insult and torment my feelings by desiring me to live with her.

As soon as I can give order to confusion I shall set off for London. What an unhappy romantick character am I! Though I am now on the very

1785. Nov. 20. Died at Norton, Westmorland, Rev. Mr. Richard Burn, vicar there, author of the *Justice of the Peace*; aged 85.<sup>2</sup>

wheel of agony, I sometimes suffer myself fondly to hope that I shall yet be affluent, and happy! I shall be very ingenuous in laying my situation faithfully before those to whom I owe great obligations. To enjoy a little of your society, and to see and converse with my dear friends in Gower Street will afford me very sensible consolation. My most respectful compliments to them. I am infinitely obliged to Mr. and Mrs. Kettle for their friendly sympathy. My wife knew nothing of the letter that was written concerning her death; she was not privy to the writing of it. Were my genius in proportion to the number of my enemies I should infallibly be the first poet in the world. I am sorry for the bad paper and print of my sermon! Alnwick could not afford better and I have long resolved that whenever any of my productions are printed the press and I shall be in the same town. You need not write to me again to this county. I ever am, with much gratitude, and esteem, dear sir, your affectionate friend. Percival Stockdale.

I have something to publish, which I hope to have time to throw off in London. I long to be out of misery and to embrace my London friends! I leave my wife with my vicarage house to live in, with its furniture and £10 a year of addition to her income!

Lesbury, November 9, 1785.

To the same.

Dear Sir. My mind has been often on the wing to you; but my body has not been able to keep pace with it; in short I write to you as soon as I am able. I have been very near the Gates of Pluto's dreary Realm; and am but yet slowly returning from those gloomy precincts. To speak in prose: the powers of my stomach have been almost destroyed; I have been long afflicted with indigestion and dreadful pains, in that region. This malady was occasioned by my wife's infamous invasion of me; by my foolishly suffering her to continue ten weeks in this house, and by the want of sleep, loss of appetite, and agony of mind which during that time, I suffered. Her coming hither was unwarrantable; was worse than highway robbery; for she came not from indigence; when I had no income from my profession, I vested in trust, for her use, all I had, to secure her from want. Long before she came, she proposed coming; I insisted that she should not come; I told her that I would rather sacrifice ten thousand existencies than have her here; yet the devil came; and I now find that she herself was the contriver of the letter concerning her death, to throw me off my guard and to agitate and melt a too sensible and generous heart, on her arrival. She came to distress my person and my finances, just when I was terribly drained with many necessary expenses here; and when I was meditating the exertion of my mind to prove my pecuniary, and to augment my literary honour. I thank God, however, that I am now rid of her; though the obstinate devil will live nowhere but at Alnwick, under my nose, though Berwick is evidently the place for her abode; there she has her property and many old friends.

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Lesbury near Alnwick, Northumberland, February 22, 1786.

*Cf. Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Percival Stockdale . . . written by himself.* 2 vols. 8vo, London, 1809.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Burn was son of Richard Burn of Kirkby Stephen, and was educated at Queen's College, Oxford, where he matriculated 28 March, 1729, aged 19. He became vicar of Orton in Westmorland in 1736, and chancellor of Carlisle in 1765. Besides the work mentioned in the text he published a work on Ecclesiastical Law, and together with Joseph Nicholson, the *History of Westmorland and Cumberland*.

1785. Nov. 21. Died at Cawsey Park, Mrs. Forster, wife of John William Forster, esq., in child-bed.<sup>3</sup>

1785. Dec. 1. Married at Moreton in Scotland, George Dalston Shaftoe, esq., of Bavington, to Miss Charlton, only daughter of William Charlton, of Lee-hall, esq.<sup>4</sup>

1785. Dec. 3. Married at Alnwick, Thomas Humble, butcher, to Elizabeth Mills, under maid at the Castle.

1785. Dec. 4. Died at Alnwick, Miss Do. Grey, of a consumption—the eldest of the Morrick family, aged 49.<sup>5</sup>

1785. Dec. 8. Died at Newcastle, Joseph Reay, esq., a benevolent man and a good christian, aged 73.<sup>6</sup>

1785. Dec. 12. It's confidently asserted that Earl Mansfield intends retiring and resign the dignity Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench.

1785. Dec. 17. Died at Wallsend, Matthew Waters, esq., and barrister-at-law which he declined some years ago, aged 66.<sup>7</sup>

1785. Dec. 27. Settled the Free Masons' Account in their book for the securities, and money in the box, which exactly amounted to 1307. 9s. 7d., taking of all deductions.

1785. Dec. Great entertainments in town; Mr. Plenderleafe, Dr. Davison and others.

1785. Dec. Died at Edinburgh, Mrs. Anderson, wife of Dr. Anderson: she was one of the Grey family.<sup>8</sup>

1785. Dec. Died, Mrs. Woofe, wife of the Rev. Mr. Woofe, curate of Howick.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>3</sup> John Bacon Forster was the second son of John William Bacon of Staward and Styford, who succeeded to the estates of the Forsters of Adderston, and assumed the name of Forster. He married first, Elizabeth Hunt whose death in childbed is recorded in the text; secondly, Sarah Beaver; and thirdly, Mary Lilliatt Drinkwater. Descendants of the second marriage are believed to be living.

<sup>4</sup> The *Newcastle Courant* of 10 December, 1785, states that Mr. G. D. Shafto and Miss Hester Charlton were married at Edinburgh on the 30th November by Dr. Robertson. Cf. pedigree of Shafto of Bavington, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv. p. 417.

<sup>5</sup> This was Margaret daughter of Mr. John Grey of Morwick. She was baptized at Warkworth on the 8th July, 1735, died at the house of her brother-in-law John Grey, at Alnwick, and was buried at Warkworth.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Joseph Reay was admitted free of the Merchants' Company, Newcastle, on the 25 May, 1741, by patrimony, as son of Henry Reay, merchant adventurer, deceased. The *Newcastle Courant* of 17 December, 1785, states that he was buried at South Church, Bishop Auckland.

<sup>7</sup> Matthew Waters of Wallsend was admitted to Lincoln's Inn on the 31st May, 1743. The *Newcastle Courant* of 24 December, 1785, states that he was buried in the family vault at All Saints Church, Newcastle.

<sup>8</sup> See p. 235, *supra*.

<sup>9</sup> For a very long period the rectory of Howick was annexed to the archdeaconry of Northumberland, and the church and parish served by stipendiary curates to the absentee rectors. Mr. Thomas Woofe was apparently son of George Woofe, vicar of Lesbury; and if so he was baptized 11 June, 1728 (*Lesbury Registers*). He was curate for thirty-four years, and was buried 29 Oct., 1793 (*Howick Registers*): Mary his wife was buried 30 December, 1785 (*ibid.*).

1786. Jan. It's remarked by judges that Lord Thurlow, Chancellor of Great Britain, is not an eloquent speaker in the House of Lords, but he has such an awefull command and address and manner that he demands the attention of all others as receives the pre-eminence.

1786. Jan. Duke of Chartres—now Duke of Orleans—is now possessed of personal estate and money to the value of 700,000*l.*, and of real estate to the value of 147,000*l.* per annum, far the richest peer in any one nation.

1786. Jan. On the 28 ult. died at North Charlton, Mr. James Henderson, farmer and drover, but formerly a butcher, aged 83.<sup>1</sup>

1786. Jan. 1. On Christmas Eve, frost and snow came, and on this day an amazing fall of snow, insomuch that a number of labourers were employed to cast the roads, being as high as the top of the hedges in several places.

On Christmas day, died at London, Sir Thomas Pye, knight, Admiral of the White and Lieutenant General of the Marines, aged 74.

1786. Jan. 1. Died at Alnwick, William Turner, innkeeper, of a fit of the palsy. He was a perukemaker by trade, and last a gentleman's servant.

1786. Jan. On the 5th of this month, Mrs. Stockdale, wife of the vicar, came from Lesbury to lodgings at Alnwick.

1786. Jan. 7. A thaw commenced. Wind north, changing to south and south-east. Snow wasting greatly away.

1786. Jan. 14. Died in Grey's Inn, London, of the gout, Mr. Edward Boutflower, attorney-at-law, aged 59.<sup>2</sup>

1786. Jan. 30. A box stolen out of the house of John Grey, inn keeper, in Alnwick, belonging to the Amicable Society, wherein was contained 100*l.* in money and securities.

1786. Feb. 5. Died of a consumption, John Smith, son of Mr. John Smith, barber, aged 22.

Died, Robert Ramsay, barber, [aged] 45.

1786. Feb. 6. Died, Mr. John Smith,<sup>3</sup> above mentioned, aged 51. The son and father interred in one grave.

Admiral Barrington appointed Lieutenant General of Marines in the room of Admiral Pye, deceased.

1786. Feb. 7. Died, Hugh Call, son of James Call, aged 24.

1786. Feb. 9. John Grey . . . . confessed to find[ing] the box.

<sup>1</sup> 1785. December 31. James Henderson, from North Charlton, buried. *Ellingham Registers.*

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Edward Boutflower was son of William Boutflower, captain, R.N., a scion of the family of Boutflower of Apperly, in the parish of Bywell St. Peter. He was one of the Clerks in Chancery, and was admitted to Gray's Inn 8 March, 1771. He married his kinswoman, Mary, daughter of John Boutflower of Riding-Mill, and left issue. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vi., pp. 167-168.

<sup>3</sup> 1735. September 22. John, son of Thomas Smith, baptized. *Alnwick Registers.*

Ten days ago, died at High Buston, Mr. Roger Buston, aged 81.<sup>4</sup>  
 1786. Feb. 15. Died at Shilbottle, Rev. Mr. Salkeld, vicar there, aged 84.<sup>5</sup>

James Allgood of Nunwick, esq., nominated High Sheriff for Northumberland.

1786. Feb. 25. Died at York, Mrs. Taylor, widow and relict of Mr. George Taylor, late of Fleetham, aged 67: her annuity of 40*l.* per annum falls to Mr. T. Taylor.<sup>6</sup>

1786. Feb. 28. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Margaret Grey, great aunt to Edward Gallon, esq.,<sup>7</sup> styled, by Stockdale, 'the Gothic Squire,' aged 89.

1786. Feb. Paper war between Mr. Stockdale and Doctor Thos. Collingwood.<sup>8</sup>

1786. March 12. Rev. Mr. Charles Charlton's text in Alnwick church, Psalm xxiii., 4.<sup>9</sup>

1786. March. It's currently reported, as also mentioned in the newspapers, that His Royal Highness, George, Prince of Wales, is married to a young widow, a Mrs. FitzHerbert, who has an annuity of 2,000*l.* per annum, but a Roman Catholick. Acts of Parliament against such marriages (William and George). Probably this marriage will be void, but those attending the ceremony, etc., will be punished.

1786. March. Thomas Blacket, inn keeper, failed, in 500*l.* debt. Great disturbances with respect to 32 executions out of the Town-court, and the validity of a Bill of Sale to one Mr. Hindmarsh of Berwick, carpenter, for the benefit of the creditors.

1786. March 16. First court of James Allgood, esq. Then determined a Writt of Justice, Johnson Falkoner *v.* Thomas Marshall, in favour of plaintiff, with respect to a desk and bookcase sold and delivered: a cheat, intended—very flagrant—by defendant.

<sup>4</sup> For pedigree of Buston of High Buston, see new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v., p. 214.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. John Salkeld, curate of St. Oswald's, Durham, where three of his children were baptized, was presented to the vicarage of Shilbottle in 1742, and was buried there on 18 February, 1786.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. George Taylor of Fleetham married Margaret, daughter of William Grieve of Berwick, and dying s.p., was buried at Bamburgh. His widow made her will on the 23rd December, 1779. Thomas Taylor of Fleetham, who succeeded to his brother's property at Beadnell, died on the 19th August, 1802, aged 82, and was buried at Beadnell, where there is a monument to his memory.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. pedigree of Gallon, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii., p. 486.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Thomas Collingwood, a surgeon and apothecary in Alnwick, wrote a play, which was publicly acted, the plot being founded on the matrimonial differences of Stockdale and his wife. It was printed at Berwick for the author, in 1786, and is entitled: 'A | Tragi-Comical Farce | or the | Dead Alive Again | To which is added | The Agreeable Separation | A | Comic Entertainment |. Copies of it are excessively rare.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Charles Charlton was of the family of Charlton of Lee-hall, and was presented to the vicarage of Tynemouth in 1789, holding the same to his death, 18 August, 1824, aged 65.

1786. March. Sir Thomas Davenport, knt., councillor-at-law, died at York, of an inflammation in the bowels.<sup>10</sup>

1786. April 3. A certain account given of Mr. Taylor, who occupies the paper mills at Dunse, having been guilty of many forgeries to a great amount and injurious to a number of persons in and about Berwick and elsewhere, that he has been apprehended near Carlisle.

All the effects, etc., of Thomas Carr, esq., seized and levied upon at Charlton-hall, Beanley, etc. It's very probable that this will absolutely conclude his career in life, after sixteen years extravagance in an uncommon manner, spending about 2,000*l.* per annum.<sup>11</sup>

1786. April 7. Died, Mr. Thomas Hardy, sen., aged 82, but without a character.<sup>12</sup>

1786. April 7. The great contested election ended at Lancaster which cost 20,000*l.* betwixt the two candidates. The poll stood thus:—Sir George Warren, K.B. 1,166, John Lowther, esq. 1,140.

A severe contest for Carlisle in the room of — Norton, esq., deceased.

1786. April 24. Mr. William Wilson, linen draper, elected common-councilman by vote against Mr. George Lindsay; majority on the poll only one.

Died, Mr. Werge of Horton.<sup>13</sup>

1786. April 27. Died at Tuggle-hall, Mrs. Younghusband, wife of Thomas Younghusband, esq.<sup>14</sup>

1786. May 2. Mr. John Dand, skinner and glover, went to gaol for a debt of 21*l.*, due to George Lindsay.

George Richardson, brother to Doctor Richardson, sent to the House of Correction for several misdemeanors. He is insane.

<sup>10</sup> Serjeant Davenport, a native of London and educated at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he matriculated 14 January, 1750/1, aged 18, was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1764, and knighted in 1783. He was taken ill after the opening of the commission at the York Assizes, and dying of an inflammation of the bowels, 25th March, was buried in York Minster. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1786, p. 270.

<sup>11</sup> Mr. Thomas Carr, collector of H.M. Customs at Frederica, North America, succeeded, about the year 1770, to the family estates at Eshot in Felton, etc. He died at Brinkheugh, December, 1793, leaving by his several marriages numerous descendants. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii., pp. 346-348.

<sup>12</sup> 1705/6. January 27. Thomas, son of George Hardy, glover, baptized. *Alnwick Registers.*

<sup>13</sup> Mr. John Werge, tenant of Horton in Chatton, was eldest son of Thomas Werge of the same place, by his wife Margaret Wilson of Milfield. He married at Chatton, 20 January, 1760, Margaret, daughter of Oswald Younghusband of Elwick in Bamburghshire, and left a numerous issue.

<sup>14</sup> Thomas Younghusband of Tuggal (1744-1802) married his cousin Anne, daughter of George Carr of Bowsden, and had issue, four daughters and coheiresses. Mrs. Younghusband was buried, on the 30th April, 1786, in the graveyard of the ancient chapel of Tuggal, of which structure scarcely a stone remains.

1786. May 12. Died at Alnwick, the Rev. Mr. Monteath, a dissenting minister, aged 60.<sup>15</sup>

1786. May 12. Being Alnwick Fair, fat and middling fat cattle sold well for the farmers, the price upon an average at or above 5s. per stone: and lean cattle likewise sold tolerably: deemed the best market for 20 years past.

1786. May 24. Died at Warkworth, Richard Clutterbuck, esq., one of His Majestie's justices of the peace for Northumberland.<sup>16</sup>

1786. May 28. A funeral sermon preached at Warkworth by the Rev. Mr. Bowe,<sup>17</sup> from Psalm lxxxix., 48.

1786. June 1. Died, Anne Nicholson, widow of the late Alexander Nicholson, maltman, aged 83.

1786. June 6. Died at Sion, near London, the Rt. Hon. Hugh Percy, Duke of Northumberland, aged 74. His corps lies in state twelve days. By the death of the Duke, Lord Algernon Percy, second son, is created Lord Lovaine and Baron of Alnwick, so he is entitled to a seat in the House of Peers, whereby he being a member of Parliament for Northumberland, his seat becomes vacant in the House of Commons, so that a new member must be elected in his stead.

Married, John Lowes, esq., of Ridley-hall, to Miss Stott, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Stott, in Galway, N.B.<sup>18</sup>

1786. June 19. Little moving about a new member, only an advertizement signed by Sir Henry Grey, bart., for his nephew, Mr. Charles Grey: well penned!

1786. June 21. Duke of Northumberland's corps interred in great funeral pomp in St. Nicholas's chapel, Westminster abbey, close by the Duchess' corps.

1786. June 23. Died, Nicholas Grey, butcher, aged 37. By an irregular life he shortened his days.<sup>19</sup>

1786. June 25. By invitation dined with the Rev. Mr. P. Stockdale at Lesbury vicarage-house.

<sup>15</sup> The Rev. Thomas Monteith of Dunse was minister of the Presbyterian church in Bondgate from December, 1771, to his death in 1786, from paralysis.

<sup>16</sup> Cf. pedigree of Clutterbuck, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 459.

<sup>17</sup> Mr. George Bowe, sometime chaplain 60th Foot, was presented to the vicarage of Shilbottle in 1788. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Skelly, vicar of Stockton, by his wife Lady Betty Gordon, daughter of the second Duke of Gordon, and died at Shilbottle on the 21st April, 1803, aged 55 years.

<sup>18</sup> The marriage took place at Kilton-house, near Dumfries, on Sunday, 4 June, 1786. *Newcastle Courant*, 17 June, 1786. Cf. pedigree of Lowes of Ridley-hall, Rev. John Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*, part II. vol. iii. p. 337.

<sup>19</sup> Nicholas Grey was presumably grandson of Nicholas Grey, butcher, drover, and inn keeper at Long Houghton, and afterwards of Alnwick, butcher, who was baptized at Long Houghton, 13 April, 1686, being the eldest child of Peter Grey of Boulmer, 'gentleman and inn keeper,' who, 16 June, 1685, had married Rachel Dowell, *Long Houghton Registers*.

1786. June. The Militia Act passed both Houses of Parliament : Northumberland [militia] 560 in number.

No appearance of a contest for a member of Parliament for Northumberland upon the vacancy.

1786. June 25. On the 22nd, died at Morwick, Mrs. Grey, wife of Charles Grey, esq. Her corps, at her desire, were deposited in the middle of the garden without funeral service. A vault made, built about with stone 12 feet in length, 4 in depth, and 7 feet in breath.<sup>20</sup>

1786. July 1. Passed through Alnwick, Charles Grey, esq., for his father's seat at Fallooden, who intends to offer himself a candidate for Northumberland in the room of Lord Algernon Percy.

1786. July. Duke of Northumberland by his will bequeaths the sum of 1,000*l.* to the following charitable uses, to wit, to the poor of Westminster 700*l.*, of Werrington 100*l.*, of Alnwick 100*l.*, of Sion 50*l.*, of Stanwick 50*l.*, [total] 1,000*l.*

1786. July. John William Bacon Forster of Causey Park married to a second wife.<sup>1</sup>

1786. July 4. A meeting at Morpeth of the freeholders for Northumberland desired by the high sheriff.

1786. July 6. At the County-Court this day Charles Grey, esq., was unanimously elected member for Northumberland.

Ten guineas given by him to every public-house to entertain his friends with a dinner, etc., and great rejoicing on the occasion with much harmony.

An assembly ordered to be on Thursday, the 20th instant, and cards to be sent by way of invitation.

1786. July 8. Sir Charles (*sic*) Grey and the elected member went around Alnwick to return thanks, but passed by several houses, freeholders, the reason not known.

1786. July 20. Assembly at Alnwick given by the new member : a great company but every matter well conducted with great harmony.

1786. July. Prince of Wales 230,000*l.* in debt : 40,000*l.* annually to be appropriated for payment until the sum is paid.

<sup>20</sup> Catherine Maria, first wife of Mr. Charles Grey of Morwick, died 21 June, 1786, aged 33. Monumental Inscription in Morwick garden. She was a daughter of Rev. John Skelly, vicar of Shilbottle and afterwards vicar of Stockton, sometime a tutor in the family of Alexander, second Duke of Gordon, whose daughter, Lady Elizabeth Gordon, subsequently became his wife. Cf. *New History of Northumberland*, vol. v. pp. 357-358.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. John Bacon Forster was the second son of John William Bacon of Staward and Styford, who assumed the name of Forster on succeeding to the estates of the Forsters of Adderston. He had no living issue by his first marriage, but by his second, as recorded in the text, with Sarah Beaver he had issue two sons, one or both of whom left descendants of whom little is known. John Bacon Forster died, apparently at Causey Park, May, 1799, and was buried at Long Horsley.

1779. April 22. Will of John Bacon Forster of Newcastle, esq. :—I give all to my wife Mary Lilliatt Bacon Forster to bring up my children. Pr. at Durham, 1799. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

1786. July 23. Died at Alnwick, Mr. Arthur Gair, surgeon, aged 61.<sup>2</sup>

Same day: died Miss Peggy Brown, cousin to Nicholas Brown, attorney, suddenly, by a fit, aged 62.

1786. July. A difference between Mr. Grey's son of Balmbrugh and a Mr. Robinson from America, arising from the assembly, but ended with[out] bloodshed.<sup>3</sup>

Died at Ramsgate, Judge Nares of the Common Pleas, aged 81, and succeeded by Mr. McDonald, Solicitor General. (N.B. one Mr. Wilson succeeds.)

Died, Thos. Robinson, Lord Grantham, aged 48, only six years married to a daughter of the earl of Hardwicke's.

1786. July. By the death of the duke of Northumberland, Lord Lovaine will be possessed of 10,000*l.* per annum, besides in personal effects to the value of 237,000*l.*

1786. July. Sir Henry George Liddell, bart., came home from Lapland with two of their women and two rane deer, for a considerable wager which was laid.<sup>4</sup>

1786. Aug. 2. His Majesty was assassinated by a woman as he was alighting out of his carriage, by delivering a blank petition, in which paper she had a knife concealed, and aimed the same at his breast, but at the second thrust she was taken hold of by the guards, and the instrument wrested from her. Her name Margaret Nicholson from Stokesly in Yorkshire, 36 years of age. Thought to be insane. Sent to Bedlam to be taken care of.<sup>5</sup>

1786. Aug. Died at Newcastle, the Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Clayton, vicar of Ingram and Kirkwhelpington, aged 78.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Arthur Gair [baptized at Alnwick on the 28 October, 1723, as son of Edward Gair] resided in, and carried on his profession in his own house in Bondgate, and his monumental inscription remaining in Alnwick churchyard asserts that 'his memory will never perish with the many who revered his professional abilities, and the friends who loved his personal virtue.' His widow, Jane Gair, died on the 6 April, 1787, and his only son, William Gair, conveyed his father's house, 27 November, 1787, to Robert Alder.

<sup>3</sup> John Grey, eldest son of Henry Grey of Shoreston, was baptized at Bamburgh on the 6 December, 1763, and, entering the army, attained the rank of lieutenant colonel of the 43rd regiment.

<sup>4</sup> A notice of Sir Henry Liddell's tour in Lapland and of the natives he brought back to Ravensworth with him may be found in Richardson's *Local Historian's Table Book*, vol. ii. p. 305.

<sup>5</sup> Addresses of congratulation on the King's escape (an account of which may be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1786, p. 708) poured in from the Universities, Corporations, &c. Many of the gentlemen through whom the addresses were presented being made knights —e.g., Mr. Cuthbert Shafto of Bavington—were generally designated 'Peg Nicholson's knights.'

<sup>6</sup> The Rev. Nathaniel Clayton, second son of Alderman Nathaniel Clayton of Newcastle, enjoyed much ecclesiastical preferment, for he held at the same time the benefices of Ingram and Kirkwhelpington, the mastership of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene, Newcastle, and the chaplaincy of St. Thomas's chapel on Tyne Bridge. He married Grace, daughter of Nicholas Fenwick, and left issue. He died at his house in Westgate Street, Newcastle. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 12 August, 1786.

1786. Aug. 5. Rev. Mr. Joseph Cook, eldest son of Samuel Cook of Newton-in-the-Moor, married at Morpeth, to Miss Brown, only daughter of the late Mr. Edward Brown of Broomhill, in the parish of Warkworth.<sup>7</sup>

1786. Aug. 15. Married at Whittingham, Mr. James Elder, merchant in Alnwick, to Miss Bolton, daughter of Mr. George Bolton, Blackpool, living at the Mountain, near Whittingham.<sup>8</sup>

1786. Aug. 18. Died at Morpeth, Mrs. Kent, formerly keeper of the gaol there, sister to Mr. John Story, Alnwick, aged 62.<sup>9</sup>

1786. Aug. Upon the resignation of Earl Tankerville as General Postmaster, Lord Clarendon is appointed.

1786. Aug. 19. Doctor Cullen, physician, from Edinburgh, visiting Mr. Cook of Togston, and Mr. Wilson, White Swan, being sick.

1786. Aug. 20. A Form of Prayer read in church for the king's safe deliverance from the late attempt upon his life.

1786. Aug. 22. Mrs. Gibson set forward for South Sunderland, after a visit of five months and three weeks.

1786. Aug. 23. Charles Grey, esq., desired a play, to wit, 'Beau's Stratagem' with a farce 'Poor Soldier'; he attended with a great company of gentlemen.

1786. Aug. 26. Alnwick races advertized to be the 27th, 28th and 29th days of September next—three fifty pounds.

1786. Aug. 30. Died at Barnhill, near Warkworth, Mr. Henry Tomling, farmer, of a disorder in the throat, aged 71.<sup>11</sup>

1786. Aug. Lord Thurloe gone to Buxton Wells for the recovery of his health, being very gouty.

An account of the death of the king of Prussia—but not certain.

1786. Aug. Died, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, vicar of Norton and prebendary of Lincoln.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Mrs. Cook subsequently assumed the name of Widdrington under the will of her kinsman, John Widdrington of Hauxley. Cf. pedigree of Cook of Newton, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 453; pedigree of Brown of Broomhill, *ibid.*, p. 405; and Widdrington of Hauxley, *ibid.*, p. 306.

<sup>8</sup> 1786. Aug. 16. James Elder of Alnwick and Jane Bolton of this parish, married. *Whittingham Registers*.

<sup>9</sup> Mrs. Kent was Dorothy, daughter of John Storey of Harehope and Learchild, and was baptized at Eglingham, 27 February, 1723/4. Her husband, George Kent, was the master of the county gaol at Morpeth. Cf. pedigree of Storey of Learchild, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 185.

<sup>11</sup> 'Wednesday se'nnight at Barnhill near Felton, etc., Mr. Henry Tomlin, an eminent farmer who was highly esteemed by all his acquaintances for his plain upright manner of dealing.' *Newcastle Courant*, 9 Sept., 1786. Henry Tomlin married first at Shilbottle, 3 April, 1752, Sarah Embleton; secondly at Lesbury, 26 February, 1759, Dorothy Rosedon; and thirdly, Anne, daughter of John Cornfoot of Morpeth. By the third marriage he had an only son, Henry Thomas Davison Tomlin, born in 1771, and buried at Warkworth 18 Sept., 1797.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. George Johnson, a native of Spalding, born *circa* 1733, educated at Brasenose College and Magdalen College, Oxford, rector of Loftus and vicar of Norton, also prebendary of Lincoln. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 2 September, 1786.

1786. Aug. On the 28 of this month married Mr. Edward Charlton (eldest son of William Charlton, esq.) to Miss Laing, third daughter of Mr. J. Laing of Birdhopecraig.<sup>13</sup>

1786. Sept. 1. A certainty of the death of the king of Prussia on the 17th of August, aged 75.

1786. Sept. The two Lapland women sent to their own country by Sir Henry George Liddell, bart., according to his promise made them, but the deer kept.<sup>14</sup>

1786. Sept. 6. Died at Newcastle, Matthew Bell, esq., an alderman of the town and one of the members of the bank.<sup>15</sup>

1786. Sept. Died, His Grace the Duke of Norfolk, relation to the royal blood, aged 67.<sup>16</sup>

1786. Sept. Died at Newbiginn, a daughter of Robert Lisle of Acton, esq.<sup>17</sup>

1786. Sept. Died at Newcastle, Mrs. Greenwell, widow of the late Mr. Greenwell, surgeon.<sup>18</sup>

1786. Sept. 20. A contested election for Berwick:—candidates, Sir Gilbert Elliot, bart., [and] . . . Addington, esq.<sup>19</sup>

1786. Sept. 21. The election finished, Sir G. Elliot a majority of 45, and declared duly by the returning officer.

1786. Sept. Died, Mr. William Saint of Morpeth.<sup>20</sup>

1786. Sept. Died, Mrs. Smallridge of Morpeth, lady of the vicar of the Bothell.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Mr. Edward Charlton of Lee-hall, eldest son of William Charlton of the same place, married at Bellingham, 28 August, 1786, Isabella, daughter of . . . Laing of Birdhopecraig and granddaughter of Elrington Reed of Trough-end. He was a captain in the Northumberland Militia, resided at Alnwick, and died there on the 25 February, 1803, aged 45. His widow married, 18 February, 1811, Edward Stamp of Alnwick, and died on the 29 Nov. 1833, aged 70.

<sup>14</sup> Cf. p. 274, *supra*.

<sup>15</sup> Mr. Matthew Bell, sheriff of Newcastle in 1736, and mayor in 1757, purchased the estate of Woolsington and dying in 1786, was buried at All Saints', Newcastle. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 9 September, 1786.

<sup>16</sup> An account of the stately funeral of Charles, tenth Duke of Norfolk, who died at St. James' Square, 31 Aug., may be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1786, p. 811.

<sup>17</sup> A pedigree of Lisle of Weldon and Acton may be found in the *New History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 500.

<sup>18</sup> Mrs. Greenwell was a daughter of John Smart of Belford, and sister of William Smart of Trewhitt.

1765. April 18. Mr. John Greenwell of South Shields and Mrs. Margaret Simon, widow, formerly Smart. *Alnwick Registers*.

<sup>19</sup> The vacancy arose through the elevation to the English peerage of Baron Delaval. Sir Gilbert Elliot was subsequently created Earl of Minto.

<sup>20</sup> Mr. William Saint was baptized at Morpeth 9 October, 1735, as son of Joseph Saint of that place (by his second wife Margaret, daughter of John Fenwick). He died unmarried on the 28 September, 1786. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 30 Sept., 1786.

<sup>21</sup> Mary (first) wife of the Rev. George Smalridge, rector of Bothal, was buried there 29 Sept., 1786.

1786. Sept. One Mr. Wilson succeeds Sir George Nares as judge.<sup>22</sup>

1786. Sept. 29. Mr. John Sanderson elected one of Common Council of Alnwick in the room of Doctor Gair, deceased, by a great majority, against Mr. George Lindsay proposed.

1786. Oct. 1. Admiral Kepple died, being vice-admiral of the Blue, with a good character.<sup>1</sup>

1786. Oct. 4. A bench of ten justices of the peace besides the new member of Parliament, Mr. Charles Grey, and Sir H. G. Liddell, bart.

On the 21st ult., the poll closed for Berwick, and the majority as on the other side stood thus:—Sir G. Elliot 361,—Addington, esq., 316.

1786. Oct. 5. Died at Morpeth, Procter Coulter, esq., collector of excise, a fit of the palsy.<sup>2</sup>

1786. Oct. 11. Mr. Trevilion came with his hounds to hunt foxes.

1786. Oct. 24. Died at Newcastle, Rowland Burdon, esq., partner with Mr. Surtees in the Exchange Bank. His estate and effects descend to his son Rowland Burdon, esq.<sup>3</sup>

1786. Oct. A daughter of Mr. Collingwood of Lilburn run of with his footman in marriage.

1786. Oct. Died at Capheaton, Sir Edward Swinburn, bart.:<sup>4</sup> his estate devolves to his son, now Sir John Edward Swinburn, bart.

1786. Nov. 1. Died at Togston, near Warkworth, Mr. Edward Cook, with a good character.<sup>5</sup>

Died at Glanton Pike, Mr. John Mills, aged 86.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Sir George Nares, one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, died 20 July, 1786. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1786, p. 622.

<sup>1</sup> Admiral Viscount Keppel, a younger son of William, second Earl of Albemarle, and a distinguished sailor, died at Elveden-hall, Suffolk.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Proctor Coulter was a younger son of William Coulter of Lesbury, by his wife, Sarah, daughter of John Proctor of Dunston. His will is dated 11 Feb., 1782, and he was buried at Lesbury 7 Oct., 1786. He left issue a son and daughter.

<sup>3</sup> Rowland Burdon, son of Mr. Rowland Burdon of Sedgefield, was apprenticed 25 March, 1742, to Aubone Surtees of Newcastle, boothman, and was admitted free of the Merchants' Company 13 Jan., 1752. He purchased the estate of Castle Eden, and married Elizabeth, daughter of George Smith of Burn-hall, near Durham, by whom he had issue. He was buried at Sedgefield. (*f. Newcastle Courant*, 4 November, 1786.

<sup>4</sup> Sir Edward Swinburne, fifth baronet, born *circa* 1733.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Edward Cook of Togston, born 4 October, 1753, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Archbold of Acton and Alnwick, and, dying intestate, left an only daughter and heiress, Jane, afterwards wife of Isaac Cookson of Meldon.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. John Mills of Glanton, eldest son of Joseph Mills of that place, built the house at Glanton Pike, above the door of which are the initials of himself

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and wife, J. M. He married at Shilbottle, 30 April, 1743, Margaret Henderson 1750.

and left issue three sons and three daughters. He was buried at Edlingham, where there is a monumental inscription.

1786. Nov. Died on the 31 ult., Princess Amelia Leonora, aunt to the king: she has left the principal part of her fortune to the Landgrave of Hesse with some few legacies to her domestics, aged 75.<sup>7</sup>

1786. Nov. 5. Died at Backworth, Ralph William Grey, esq., a justice of the peace for Northumberland, aged 77.<sup>8</sup>

1786. Nov. 21. Married, Nathaniel Clayton, esq., Newcastle, to Miss Atkinson of Temple Sowerby in Westmorland.<sup>9</sup>

1786. Nov. King's Bench attachment against Andrew Robinson Bowes, esq., John Lucas and Francis Peacock for forcibly taking and conveying away from London Lady Strathmore, against her will, to Streatham Castle in the county of Durham, giving her ill treatment, etc. She released by Lord Mansfield's tipstaffs and sent by post chaise to London: afterwards Bowes and the others taken into proper custody by officers to answer informations against them in the said court.<sup>10</sup>

1786. Nov. Duke of Norfolk and Mr. Lee were discharged from their recognizances, the time being expired before the insult.

1786. Dec. The post coach (four horses and a guard with arms) passed through Alnwick on the 28 ult. for the first time, to be performed by Government and according to the plan laid down by Mr. Palmer.

1786. Dec. 2. Died at Alnwick, Mr. Ja. Campbell, linen and woolen draper there, aged 47.<sup>11</sup>

1786. Dec. Last month, died, Mrs Scott, widow of the late Mr. James Scott, tanner, who was not much respected.

1786. Dec. 9. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Herriott, wife of Mr. John Herriott, attorney at law.

Mr. Justice Buller of the King's Bench is appointed Lord Chief Justice *vice* earl of Mansfield, who has resigned, having enjoyed that high station upwards of thirty years. His predecessor, Sir John Holt, enjoyed the same upwards of twenty-one years, both with unblemished character.

1786. Dec. 19. Died at Denwick, Mr. Edward Adams, aged 68. Mason's box to June, 1786:—ballance is 128*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*

1786. Dec. 27. The same settled to 133*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* T. Thompson's widow to have out of the box the sum of 5*l.* 10*s.*

<sup>7</sup> The Princess Amelia Sophia Eleanora, daughter of George II., was born at Herenhausen 10 June, 1710, died unmarried at her house in Cavendish Square, and was buried in Henry VII.'s Chapel, Westminster. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1786, p. 1,000.

<sup>8</sup> Cf. pedigree of Grey of Backworth, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ix. p. 42.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Nathaniel Clayton, town clerk of Newcastle, married at Temple Sowerby, Dorothy, daughter of George Atkinson of that place. *Newcastle Courant*, 25 Nov., 1786.

<sup>10</sup> Cf. p. 232, *supra*.

<sup>11</sup> His tombstone remains in Alnwick churchyard. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 9 Dec., 1786.

1787. Jan. 1. Doctor Richardson<sup>12</sup> and Mr. Wardell entered in partnership.<sup>13</sup>

1787. Jan. A commission of bankruptey issued out *versus* Mr. Robert Preston, money scrivener of Stockton, county of Durham, senior. Another against David Lawson, of Rothbury, chapman.

1787. Jan. 3. Died at Newcastle, Doctor Logan, physician to the dispensary there, of a fever, a young man.<sup>14</sup>

Died there, Mr. Paul Jackson, merchant, Pilgrim Street.<sup>15</sup>

1787. Jan. 6. Died at Alnwick, James Nimmont (?), cooper, in Clayport.

1787. Jan. 11. Married at Alnwick, Mr. Thomas Buston of High Buston, to Miss Phillis Story, daughter of Mr. John Story of Alnwick.<sup>16</sup>

Married at the same place, Mr. John Smith, schoolmaster, to Miss P. Graham, youngest daughter of Mr. Alexander Graham, stationer.<sup>17</sup>

1787. Jan. 13. Mr. Thomas Collingwood, surgeon, has absconded and shutt up his shop: a writt against him for 12*l.* 3*s.* at the suit of a drugist in London: has villinously taken on goods at Mr. William Wilson's shop to the value of 7*l.*

1787. Jan. 17. John Dand's freehold to be sold, by public bills delivered out for such purpose.

1787. Jan. Died at London, Edw. Willes, esq., one of the judges of the King's Bench.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Henry Richardson, surgeon, died 18 March, 1788, aged 75.

<sup>13</sup> 'Dr. Wardell, purveyor (*sic*) to the Forces under Sir Charles Grey, and physician to the Commander-in-chief, has, in consequence of his professional services, been allowed to retire on half-pay, and we are happy to hear by our correspondent that he is about to return to Alnwick to exercise that profession in which he is so eminent.' *Newcastle Courant*, 5 September, 1795.

Mr. George Wardell was the third son of John Wardell of Crossgate, Durham, surgeon (died at Alnwick 16 Aug., 1801, aged 90), who inherited some property at Easington and Carleton on the death of his cousin, Richard Wardell. George Wardell died at Alnwick on the 25 July, 1813, leaving by his wife, Jane (Dunn), an only son, John Wardell, a surgeon, who died young. Cf. *Monumental Inscriptions*, Alnwick.

<sup>14</sup> 'Wednesday, at his lodgings in Newgate Street, Dr. Logan, one of the physicians of the Dispensary, and Physician to the Charity for Poor Lying-in Women at their own houses.' *Newcastle Courant*, 6 Jan., 1787. Dr. Monkhouse was elected physician to the Dispensary in his room. *Ibid.*, 10 March, 1787.

<sup>15</sup> Collingwood Forster Jackson, son of Paul Jackson, of Newcastle, merchant, was apprenticed 27 January, 1779, to William Coulson, of Newcastle, bootman, and was admitted free of the Merchants Company, 19 Nov., 1788. Dendy, *Newcastle Merchant Adventurers*.

<sup>16</sup> Cf. pedigree of Buston of High Buston, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v., p. 214.

<sup>17</sup> Alexander Graham, one of the earliest booksellers and stationers in Alnwick, was in business there as early as 1746 and died on the 9 March, 1789, aged 77. He was succeeded by his son, Joseph Graham, who died on the 6 February, 1792.

*Cf.* Dr. Burman's *Art of Typography* as practised in Alnwick from 1781 to 1815, pages 7, 13, 26.

1787. Jan. Died at London, Dr. John Egerton, bishop of Durham, a lucrative diocese. He is to be succeeded by bishop Thurlow, brother to the present Chancellor of Great Britain.

1787. Jan. 21. Died at her son's house in Durham, (John Taylor, esq.), Mrs. Taylor, widow of William Taylor, esq., late of Swinhoe, in Northumberland, aged 86.<sup>18</sup>

1787. Jan. 24. Mr. John Hardy, son of Mr. Thomas Hardy,<sup>19</sup> draper in Alnwick, set off for Manchester to be instructed in his business.

1787. Jan. Promotions:—(1) Bishop Thurlow to be bishop of Durham; (2) Dr. Prettyman, bishop of Lincoln; (3) Baron Eyre to be Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer.

1787. Jan. 27. Died at Newbottle, Mrs. Scott, widow of James Scott, late of Alnwick, esq.<sup>20</sup>

1787. Feb. 1. Lord Mansfield has not resigned his office as reported. True it was that a resignation was sent, but was recalled in a few hours, the reasons not yet known.

1787. Feb. 5. Serjeant Nash Grose appointed a puisne judge of the King's Bench *vice* Judge Willes, deceased.

Alex. Thompson, esq., Accomptant General in Chancery, appointed a baron of the exchequer *vice* Chief Baron Eyre. Serjeant Thos. Walker, esq., appointed accomptant general in Chancery *vice* Thompson, esq.

1787. Feb. 19. A continuance of fine weather.

<sup>18</sup> 1787. Jan. 27. Mary Taylor buried. *Register of St. Mary in the South Bailey, Durham.* She was great-grandmother of Sir Henry Taylor, author of *Philip Van Artevelde*. Cf. pedigree of Taylor of Swinhoe, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. i., p. 339.

<sup>19</sup> Thomas Hardy died 13 September, 1798, aged 60 years. Monumental Inscription, Alnwick. His daughter, Hannah, married Ralph Annett, of Alnwick, and died in Edinburgh, 29 December, 1837.

<sup>20</sup> Mr. James Scott, of Alnwick, attorney, who was baptized at Alnwick on the 23 September, 1683, as son of George Scott; married 26 May, 1709, Mrs. Anne Ledgard, daughter of Thomas Ledgard, of Gray's Inn, barrister-at-law, also a member of the Hostmen's Company of Newcastle. He was proprietor of Thompson's Walls, a farm in the beautiful valley of the Beaumont. He died 5 April, 1760, having had issue three sons and four daughters, viz.:

James Scott of Alnwick, baptized 9 July, 1710; married 25 Nov., 1742, Mrs. Margaret Richardson.

Thomas, baptized 29 March, 1713.

George, baptized 17 February, 1720/1, and died 14 June, 1766, aged 46.

Anne, baptized 7 October, 1711; married 13 July, 1742, John Grey of Alnwick, merchant, and was buried 1 June, 1774, leaving issue.

Hannah, baptized 24 July, 1714; married 18 October, 1744, Henry Richardson, of Alnwick, surgeon and apothecary.

Mary, baptized 3 June, 1716; married 10 April, 1740, Robert Richardson, of Alnwick, attorney.

Jane, baptized 28 June, 1718; married 16 Aug., 1739, John Edmeston, and died in London June, 1787.

‘Saturday, died at his house at Alnwick, James Scott, esq., an eminent attorney at law, and steward to the Right Hon. the Earl of Northumberland.’ *Newcastle Courant*, 12 April, 1760.

1787. Feb. 20. A pig in town for public show, remarkable for its many performances.

1787. Feb. Edward Collingwood, of Chirton, esq., appointed high sheriff.

1787. Feb. Died, Mr. Robert Dunn, of Smeafield, formerly of Hoppen, aged 70.

1787. Feb. Neither Mr. Cook nor Mr. Bowe have got the living of Shilbottle as mentioned, as a Rev. Mr. Cockeram of Colquhoun, from Edinburgh is appointed. This confusion was occasioned by Lord Chancellor's clerk.<sup>21</sup>

1787. Feb. Charles Grey, esq., member for Northumberland, made his maiden speech in the House of Commons against the Treaty entered into between Great Britain and France last September, greatly condemning it. It's deemed well of a young man.

1787. Feb. A fever raging in Alnwick, and smittle,<sup>22</sup> but the doctors give no name; it continues long with the patient but not very mortal; comes on with a shivering and pain in the back: mostly the inhabitants of Clayport and Bondgate streets affected.

1787. Feb. 28. Died, Mrs. Hindmarsh, wife of Mr. Michael Hindmarsh, ironmonger, in Alnwick.<sup>1</sup>

1787. March 2. Died at Alnwick, Miss Dixon, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Dixon, of Ratsheugh, in the parish of Longhoughton, aged 57; possessed of 2,200*l.* and upwards; money in different places.<sup>2</sup>

1787. March. The trial in the House of Commons and Lords respecting the misconduct of Warren Hastings, esq., abroad.

1787. March. Mr. Whitfield, of the Phoenix inn, in Morpeth, is greatly in debt.

1787. March. The Treaty before mentioned has passed both Houses of Parliament, as likewise the Irish House, being *Nem. Con.*, which is rare there.

1787. March. Rowland Stephenson, esq., elected member for Carlisle by petition. Henry (*sic*) J. Lambton, esq., son of General Lambton, elected member for Durham. John Scott,<sup>2a</sup> esq., King's Council, is appointed Chancellor of Durham *vice* Judge Willes, deceased.

1787. March 13. A jargonet pear planted against the brick wall. Mrs. Mackey.

1787. March 13. Two remarkable fine oxen bred and fed at Howick by Sir Henry Grey, bart.: the height and weight not yet known, one of them seven years old, the other six.

<sup>21</sup> Nothing whatever is known of this clergyman, and there is no evidence of his induction to the benefice of Shilbottle.

<sup>22</sup> *Smittle*: infectious. *Heslop, Northumberland Words.*

<sup>1</sup> She was Elizabeth, daughter of George Snowdon, and died on the 27 February, 1787, age 21 years, 'having been only ten months a beloved wife and ten days an affectionate mother.' *Monumental Inscription, Alnwick.*

<sup>2</sup> 1730/1, Feb. 18. Eleanor, daughter of Robert Dixon of the Hill-top, baptized. *Long Houghton Registers.*

<sup>2a</sup> Afterwards created Earl of Eldon.

1787. March 19. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Daglish, wife of Thomas Daglish, gardener and innkeeper.<sup>3</sup>

1787. March. Memorandum: that William Charlton, esq., has acted as commissioner for His Grace the Duke of Northumberland for eighteen years at this time.<sup>4</sup>

1787. March 21. The seven year old Howick ox was killed at Alnwick, amazingly fat, and weighed as follows:—the carcase 152 st. 8 lbs., the tallow 16 st. = 168 st. 8 lbs. Bolton and Embleton, butchers, The head and feet of this ox were not weighed. It was sold at tenpence per pound, in pieces, and stakes of it at one shilling; calculated to have sold, adding every article together, for the sum of 109*l.* or thereabouts. Very remarkable to be fed in Northumberland.

It is to be remarked that in the month of December, 1779, an ox, fed at Blackwell, was killed in that month at Darlington, which weighed as follows:—the carcase 191 st. 10 lbs., the tallow 11 st. = 162 st. 10 lbs. He was six years old, and said to have been sold for 109*l.* 11s. 5*d.*, but not much credit given to either weight or sale, particularly as the Howick ox exceeds in weight 5 st. 12 lbs. The head and feet of the Blackwell ox was weighed, which makes a difference.

1787. March. Died at Newcastle, John Rotherham, M.D., one of the physicians to the infirmary, aged 68.<sup>5</sup>

Norwich election poll:—Hon. Henry Hobart 1392, Sir Thos. Beevor 1313 [some words unintelligible] it's said a scrutiny!

1787. March 26. Died at Alnwick, Mr. Bryan Grey, attorney at law, with a very good character, aged 31.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 'To the memory of Isabella, wife of Thomas Daglish of Alnwick, who departed this life March 10, 1787, aged 50 years.' Monumental Inscription, Alnwick.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. William Charlton of Lee-hall married at St. John's Church, Newcastle, 10 Feb., 1752, Miss Esther Williams, by whom he had a numerous issue. He resided at Alnwick and died there on the 20 Sept., 1794, aged 75. Cf. Monumental Inscription, Alnwick.

He was succeeded as commissioner to the Duke of Northumberland by Henry Collingwood Selby. See p. 303, *post*.

<sup>5</sup> The *Newcastle Courant* of 24 March, 1787, in announcing Dr. Rotheram's death on March 18, states that 'his house was a receptacle on certain days for the afflicted poor to whom he prescribed gratis with cheerfulness, complacency and success.' An admirable memoir may be found in Mr. Welford's *Men of Mark 'twixt Tyne and Tweed*. He was a native of Kendal, educated at the University of Edinburgh, and was afterwards physician to Newcastle Infirmary from 1771 to 1786. He died aged 68 years and was buried in Hexham church, leaving with other issue John Rotheram, M.D., a professor of St. Andrews, and Edward Rotheram, captain R.N. Cf. Embleton, *The Medical Society of Newcastle One Hundred Years Ago*, p. 44.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Bryan Grey, born at Craster and baptized at Embleton, Aug. 13, 1756, was heir-apparent of his grandfather Bryan Grey of Kyloe, who died in July, 1792, being the eldest son of Marmaduke Grey (died 1763), by his marriage with Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Forster of Brunton. The following is an abstract of the grandfather's will:—

1787. April 6. Will of Bryan Grey of Kyloe, esq. I give my plate to my

1787. March 28. Ensign G. M. Potts set off from Alnwick for his regiment (51st Reg.), lying in Ireland.<sup>7</sup>

1787. March 29. The six years old Howick ox was killed at Newcastle, and weighed as follows:—the carcase 152 st. 9 lbs., the tallow 16 st. 7 lbs. = 169 st. 2 lbs. Butchers, Pearson and Dunn. It's further remarkable that the weight of these oxen should be fed so near each to the other. Presumed to be the most extraordinary ones that ever were brought to perfection in England. Sir Henry Grey has a red ox, about seven years old, more in height but not fed.

1787. April 1. The weather still continues mild: never known so promising a spring, wind continuing south-east.

1787. April 1. Died, Edward Thew, butcher, in Alnwick, aged 42.<sup>8</sup>

1787. April 1. Rev. Mr. Hall gone to reside at his vicarage at Chatton, and his curate, Mr. Johnson, come to Alnwick in his stead, who preached this day; his text taken from Romans viii., 32.

1787. April. Promotions. Northumberland militia:—John Reed, esq., colonel, Sir John Edward Swinburn, bart., lieutenant colonel.

1787. April 6. Good Friday; the Rev. Mr. Johnson,<sup>9</sup> of Netherwitton, preached in Alnwick church; text, Titus ii., 14.

1787. April 6. Died at Darlington, widow Gair, on her journey to Manchester.<sup>10</sup>

daughters-in-law Eleanor and Elizabeth Grey. To my grandson Marmaduke, only surviving son of my late son Marmaduke Grey, deceased, all my estates. To my great grandson William Hall and my great granddaughter Eleanor Jane Hall, second daughter of my late granddaughter Jane Hall, deceased, wife of Thomas Hall, late of Stotford (?), co. Durham, now of Gray's Inn, Middlesex, esq., £200 apiece when 21. To my granddaughter Dorothy Grey, daughter of my late son Marmaduke, £400. To my granddaughter Dorothy Grey, daughter of my late son, John Grey, deceased, £600; her mother the said Elizabeth Grey. Robert Forster of Brunton, executor.

Codicil 14 Feb., 1788. My daughter-in-law Eleanor Grey dead, and Marmaduke Grey, her son and my grandson, hath, by the death of his brother, become entitled to certain estates in the counties of Durham and Northumberland. He is now in the East Indies.

Codicil 8 Feb., 1792. Dorothy, daughter of my late son John, hath by misconduct disengaged me, and I therefore revoke the legacy of £600, and I give her £30 per annum. Proved at Durham 1792. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

<sup>7</sup> Robert Potts of Whitehouse in the parish of Alnwick, married at Kyloe, 15 May, 1732, Mary, daughter of George Morrison of Low-linn, by his wife Eleanor, daughter and coheiress of William Selby of Low-linn, and died in May, 1755, leaving with other issue an eldest son George Potts, who by his wife Jane, daughter of Roger Pearson of Titlington, was father of George Morrison Potts named in the text. Cf. Raine, *North Durham*, p. 206.

<sup>8</sup> His tombstone, with an abraded inscription, remains in Alnwick churchyard.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Johnson may be identified with much probability with Mr. Henry Johnson, a native of Hesket Newmarket, afterwards vicar of Bywell St. Peter, Bywell St. Andrew, and holder of other benefices in Northumberland.

<sup>10</sup> Apparently Jane, widow of Arthur Gair, mentioned above, see p. 274, *supra*.

1787. April 9. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Smith, widow, sister to Mrs. Annett, of the High House.<sup>11</sup>

1787. April 12. Doctor Fenwick<sup>12</sup> elected a physician of Newcastle infirmary, in the room of Doctor Rotherham, deceased: 38 majority.

1787. April. Worthy observation, that on the 12th of this month of April, being County Court day, three actions were brought by one Thomas Proctor, of Morpeth, against his father, John Proctor. Also the said Thomas brought an action against his brother, John, for a small sum of money. These actions so brought and obtained I must leave the public to judge of the propriety thereof. But it must be said that the son has neither humanity nor feeling.

1787. April. Two young men's ages:—Mr. Richard Charlton, 20 years of age, 22 March; Mr. Thomas Bell,<sup>13</sup> 21 years of age, 13 April: upon the occasion a great entertainment at Little Houghton. Oh, Vanity!

1787. April 15. Died at Alnwick, Doctor Peacock, a Chamberlain of the town this year, aged 43.<sup>14</sup>

1787. April. Died, Mr. John Kent, gaoler of Morpeth, aged 40.<sup>15</sup>

1787. April 17. Died at Alnwick, Mr. Charles Mattison, a young man of strict behaviour and integrity, aged 29.<sup>16</sup>

1787. April. Died at Stannington-bridge, William Green, esq., a young man.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>11</sup> 'In memory of Alexander Smith, who died 22 May, 1779, aged 55 years. Margaret, wife of the above and sister of the late Ralph Elder, died 9 April, 1787, aged 54 years.' Monumental Inscription, Alnwick.

<sup>12</sup> John Ralph Fenwick, M.D., was second son of John Fenwick of Morpeth, where he was born 14 Nov., 1761. He was physician to the Newcastle Infirmary from 1786 to 1791, and died at Durham 11 January, 1855. There is a marble bust in the Castle at Durham. Cf. pedigree of Fenwick of Framlington, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 433.

<sup>13</sup> He was the fourth but only surviving son of Edward Bell of Alnwick, and was baptized there on the 11 June, 1766; he, apparently, died unmarried and was buried at Alnwick, 18 October, 1795. Cf. pedigree of Bell of Shortridge, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 234.

<sup>14</sup> Mr. William Peacock was a native of the town in which he practised as a surgeon, having been baptized 12 Dec., 1743, as son of William Peacock, who apparently was sheriff's officer. Dr. Peacock's tombstone remaining in Alnwick churchyard gives his age as 44. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 21 April, 1787.

<sup>15</sup> John Kent was the eldest son of George Kent, the master of the county gaol at Morpeth, by his wife Dorothy Storey, and was baptized at Morpeth on 31 July, 1746. He died 'regretted for his humanity and goodness to those under his care.' *Newcastle Courant*, 21 April, 1787.

<sup>16</sup> 'A youth so much beloved that his death has caused a general sorrow.' *Newcastle Courant*, 21 April, 1787. He was son of John Mattison of Bondgate, blacksmith, and was baptized 25 March, 1758. *Alnwick Register*.

<sup>17</sup> He was eldest (surviving) son of John Green of Stannington Bridge. *Newcastle Courant*, 21 April, 1787. Cf. Rev. John Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*, pt. II. vol. ii. p. 333.

1787. April. Died at Morpeth, Mr. Gabriel Dunn, tanner there, of the black jaundice.<sup>18</sup>

1787. April. Mr. John Blake appointed gaoler *vice* John Kent.<sup>19</sup>

1787. April. Died, Anne Amelia, sister to the king of Prussia, aged 64.

1787. April 25. Married, Mr. Thomas Harrison, jun., and Miss P. Jameson.

1787. April 25. Sixteen new freemen went through the well, Captain Baron,<sup>1</sup> Mr. T. Bell, etc.<sup>2</sup>

1787. April 28. The Northumberland militia sworn in to serve.

1787. April. A new house built in Alnwick by Mr. Thomas Bell,<sup>2</sup> of Little Houghton.

1787. May 1. Died at London, Lord Robert Ferrers, Viscount Tamworth.

1787. May 1. Last week, died at Rothbury, Mr. Edward Cook, brother to the late John Cook, of Togston, esq.—no character.<sup>3</sup>

1787. May 1. Last week the Rev. Mr. Nicholas Brown was appointed to the degree of D.D.

1787. May 6. Died, John Williams, esq., a Welsh judge, aged 80.

Duke of Bedford very fortunate at Newmarket—know[i]n[g] ones taken in.

Great debates in the House of Commons, relating a settlement for H.R.H. Prince of Wales, being extravagant.

1787. May 7. A reconciliation has taken place with respect to the Prince of Wales' establishment, and duly considered by His Majesty, giving great joy.

1787. May. Last month died in Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, Mr. Thomas Davison, attorney at law, secretary to the Sons of the Clergy, 80 years of age.

1787. May 17. Died at Warnton, William Pratt, esq., aged 79.<sup>4</sup>

1787. May. Last week, married at Felton, Mr. Dickenson, of

<sup>18</sup> 1787, March (sic) 30. Gabriel Dunn buried. *Morpeth Registers.*

<sup>19</sup> Thursday, at St. John's, Mr. Blake, keeper of His Majesty's gaol in Morpeth to Miss (Sarah) Hogg of this town. *Newcastle Courant*, 12 May, 1787. The will of John Blake dated 17 March, 1834, was proved at Durham, 5 September, 1839.

<sup>1</sup> *Query*, Captain Robert Baron, adjutant of Northumberland Militia, who married 1768, Mary only child of Sir Thomas Heron Middleton, bart. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv. p. 342.

<sup>2</sup> See pedigree of Bell of Shortridge, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 234.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Edward Cook, who according to the *Newcastle Journal* of 5 May, 1787, died at Newham, was third son of Edward Cook of Togston, and was baptized at Warkworth, 20 Sept., 1729. A remarkable story of his pointer dog, lost in the woods near Baltimore, finding its way home to Togston, is told in Richardson's *Local Historian's Table-book*, vol. viii. p. 266.

<sup>4</sup> Presumably son of William Pratt, also of Warenton, who died 18 Nov., 1742, aged 63, and of Jane his wife, who died 30 Dec., 1757, aged 71. *Monumental Inscription, Belford.*

Hartsfield, Scotland, formerly of Brandon White-house, to Miss Carr, daughter of Thomas Carr, of Eshott, esq.<sup>5</sup>

1787. May 17. Married at Lesbury, Mr. David Baird to Mrs. Stokoe, sister to Mr. William Anderson, of Bilton.<sup>6</sup>

1787. May. Promotions<sup>6a</sup> :—Sir Lloyd Kenion, knt., Master of the Rolls, appointed Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench vice Earl Mansfield, by the title of Lord Gredington. This contradicts the report circulated in December, 1786.

(2) Richard Pepper Arden, esq., appointed Master of the Rolls.

(3) Arch. Macdonald, esq., appointed Attorney General.

(4) John Parry, esq., appointed Chief Justice of Chester both in the room of R. P. Arden, esq.

(5) Edw. Bearcroft, esq., Solicitor General.

(6) Mr. Justice Buller appointed Chancellor of Ireland and to be created a peer of the kingdom in the room of Lord Lifford, who retires with a pension of 2,000.<sup>7</sup>

(7) George Lewis Newnham, esq. (brother to the Alderman), appointed Judge of the Court of King's Bench in the room of Mr. Justice Buller.

1787. May. Married at London, Captain Mitchel, of the 49th regiment of foot, to Miss Collingwood, eldest daughter of Alexander Collingwood, of Unthank, esq.<sup>7</sup>

1787. May 22. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Younghusband, widow of the late Samuel Younghusband, esq.<sup>8</sup>

1787. May 24. Mr. Robert Richardson<sup>9</sup> removed from the office of

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Major Dickinson, tenant of Brandon White-house, married at Wooler, 2 March, 1745, Ann Sibbitt, and had with other issue, George Dickinson, baptized at Eglingham, 11 August, 1754, who farmed at or near Nenthorn, N.B. As mentioned in the text, he married at Felton, 5 May, 1787, Rebecca, daughter of Mr. Thomas Carr of Eshot, and had issue at least six sons.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. David Baird was baptized at Warkworth 27 Nov., 1752, being the third son of Robert Baird of that place, by Sarah Orwin his wife. He died on Jan. 7, 1831, having survived the only child of his marriage. His will is dated 20 Dec., 1830, was proved at Durham 11 Feb., 1831, when the personal estate was sworn under £18,000. The testator also possessed three burgages in Dial-hill, Warkworth.

<sup>6a</sup> The statements as to promotions are withdrawn on p. 296, and rectified on p. 301, *post*.

<sup>7</sup> The corresponding notice in the marriage announcements of the *Gentleman's Magazine* of 1787, p. 452, describes the bridegroom as Charles Michell, esq., of For(s)ett, co. York, captain in the 43rd (*sic*) regiment. He and his wife sold her purparty of her late father's estates to their brother-in-law, John Tarleton. Cf. pedigree of Michell of Forsett, Harrison, *Yorkshire*, p. 464.

<sup>8</sup> She was Mary Story, second wife of Mr. Samuel Younghusband of Tuggal, who died in September, 1784. The *Newcastle Courant* of 2 June, 1787, states that she was 58 years of age. Cf. pedigree of Younghusband of Budle, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. i. p. 189.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Robert Richardson, second son of Robert Richardson, senior, of Alnwick, attorney, by his wife Margaret Scott, was baptized at Alnwick on the 17th September, 1746. He acted as clerk to the corporation of Alnwick during the Ten Years Conflict with the lord of the manor respecting the improvement of the town's moor and the constitution of the Corporation. Cf. Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii. p. 302.

Chamberlains' clerk for undecent behaviour, and Mr. John Lindsay was then appointed clerk in his stead, also solicitor and attorney for the Chamberlains and Common Council, to defend any suit or suits, and to receive the rents belonging. At the meeting the number amounted to 17; for the removal 12, against 5: majority 7.

Vote for clerk to Chamberlains. For Mr. John Lindsay:—Mr. Thomas Lindsay, Mr. N. Brown, Mr. E. Gallon, Mr. T. (?) Strother, Mr. W. Baird, Mr. Jos. Baron, Mr. Jos. Falder, Mr. Thos. Rickaby, Mr. M. Taylor, Mr. R. Henderson, Mr. J. Anderson, Mr. J. Gibson, 12. *Dissentients*, Mr. Thos. Gibson, Mr. T. Moffat, Mr. Woodhouse, Mr. Brooks, Mr. R. Richardson, 5. *Absent*, Mr. Geo. Selby, Mr. T. Hardy, Mr. Ra. Annett, Mr. J. Sanderson, Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. L. Hindmarsh, Mr. W. Hindmarsh, etc.

1787. May 28. Northumberland militia imbodyed.

1787. May 28. Died at Biddlestone, Thomas Selby,<sup>10</sup> esq., aged 78.

1787. May 29. Killed near Helm-on-the-Hill, in his return from Newcastle, by his horse falling, Robert Moody, shoemaker.

1787. May 29. Died at Tossion, Mr. William Donkin, aged 63.<sup>11</sup>

1787. May 29. Delivered of a daughter, at Acton, Mrs. Lisle, wife of Robert Lisle, esq.<sup>12</sup>

1787. June 1. A meeting of the Sons of the Clergy.

A sitting of the Excise at Black Swan.

Rev. Mr. Stockdale appointed chaplain to the consul at Fez, in Morocco.<sup>13</sup>

1787. June 11. Died, James Stott, coalman, aged 74.

1787. June 11, 16, 18, 21. Firing by the militia in the Haugh, pretty good, tolerably performed.

1787. June 18. Ephraim Lindsay, the younger, committed to gaol for picking of locks and stealing meat out of the butchers' shops: 28 picklock keys found.

1787. June. Mr. Anthony Lambert, attorney, came to live in Alnwick, from Berwick.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Mr. Thomas Selby of Biddleston was born at York on the 20th April, 1711.

<sup>11</sup> Mr. William Donkin was baptized at Rothbury on the 15th September, 1724, as son of Samuel Donkin, by Ann (Wilson) his wife. For an account of his marriage 7 June, 1750, with Eleanor Shotton, see Sykes *Local Records*. His will dated 29 May, 1787, charges his freeholds at Thropton and Rothbury with his wife's thirds.

<sup>12</sup> See pedigree of Lisle of Weldon, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii. p. 500.

<sup>13</sup> 'His Majesty has appointed the Rev. Mr. Stockdale, vicar of Lesbury and Long Houghton, Chaplain to the British Consul at the Court of the Emperor of Fez and Morocco.' *Newcastle Courant*, 2 June, 1787.

<sup>14</sup> Mr. Anthony Lambert of Alnwick, attorney, was son of Anthony Lambert of Tweedmouth, and was born *circa* 1757. By his marriage with Cicely, daughter of John Proctor of Berwick and of Dunston in the parish of Embleton, he had, (perhaps, with other) issue a son, John Lambert of Alnwick, solicitor, and four

1787. June. Miss Roddam set up house in town.<sup>15</sup>

1787. June. Last month Andrew Robinson Bowes, esq., Bowes' attorney and five more found guilty in the court of King's Bench upon two indictments, for assaulting his wife, Countess of Strathmore.<sup>16</sup>

1787. June 22. Miss Peggy Brown came to town on a visit from Liverpool, and Miss Jenny Horsley in company.<sup>17</sup>

1787. June. On the 20 inst. was married at Alnwick, Mr. Patterson, draper, to Miss Simpson.

1787. June 23. Northumberland militia was dismissed at Alnwick. Duchess of Northumberland delivered of a son, at Northumberland House: guns fired at Alnwick Castle on the occasion.

1787. June 25. Married, Mr. George Smith to Jane Dawson, of Alnwick.<sup>18</sup>

1787. June. About a fortnight ago died at London, Mrs. Edmeston, widow. She was a daughter of the late James Scott, esq., attorney at law.<sup>19</sup>

1787. June. Mr. Bowes, with his several accomplices, sentenced 3 years. Mr. Bowes to find security for his behaviour, 10,000*l.*—5,000*l.* security.

1787. July 1. Died at London, Sir Richard Jebb,<sup>1</sup> knight, physician to the Prince of Wales.

Sir Augustus Elliott, late Governor of Gibraltar created a peer of Great Britain by the name of Lord Heathfield.

1787. July 9. Married at London, Nathaniel Davison,<sup>2</sup> esq., to Miss Margaret Thornton.

1787. July. Mr. Weatherley in the county.

1787. July 17. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Calder.

daughters, viz., Elizabeth, wife of William Cook of Alnwick; Sarah, wife of Rev. George Dixon, sometime curate of Rothbury; Mrs. Hutchinson; and Jane, wife of Captain John M. Aylward of Balnagar, co. Galway. He died 25 April, 1821, aged 63. The son, John Lambert, married Juliana, daughter of Robert Mounsey of Carlisle, solicitor, and had issue six sons and two daughters.

<sup>15</sup> Probably, Winifred, daughter of Edward Roddam of Little Houghton, baptized at Long Houghton 15 February, 1721/2, died at Alnwick, November, 1795. She was sister of Admiral Robert Roddam of Roddam, the last male heir of that ancient house.

<sup>16</sup> An account of the capture of A. R. Bowes may be found in Longstaffe, *Darlington*, pp. 308-309.

<sup>17</sup> The Diarist's daughter and grand daughter.

<sup>18</sup> George Smith, died October 21, 1798, aged 60 years. Monumental Inscription, Alnwick.

<sup>19</sup> Cf. p. 280, *supra*.

<sup>1</sup> A biography of Sir Richard Jebb is given in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1787, p. 642.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Nathaniel Davison, fourth son of George Davison of Little-mill, in Long Houghton, in early life travelled in the East with Wortley Montagu, and is stated to have been the discoverer of the room over the chamber in the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. He was successively consul at Nice and at Algiers, but retired to Alnwick, where he died in Bondgate Within, 23 Feb., 1809, aged 72, leaving issue.

1787. July. Married at London, on the 12 instant, Sir John Edward Swinburn, bart., to Miss Emilia Bennett, neice to the Dutchess of Northumberland.<sup>3</sup>

1787. July. Sir Charles Grey, K.B.,<sup>4</sup> promoted to the 8th regiment of dragoons on the death of Severne.

1787. July 15. Married at Allenton, Mr. Dawson, supervisor of excise, to Miss Morrison of Biddlestone.

1787. July 25. Married at Alnwick, James Knox, gardener, to Mrs. Mackey.

1787. July 26. Married at Lesbury, Mr. Samuel Forster to Miss Dorothy Adams of Alemouth.<sup>5</sup>

1787. July 28. Died at Harlow-hill, Mrs. Neal, aged 60.<sup>6</sup>

Died at Darlington, Mrs. Bailey, wife of Mr. Bailey of Alemouth.<sup>7</sup>

1787. Aug. 6. Assizes for Northumberland:—three condemned, and Ephraim Lindsay, jun., to be transported for 7 years for theft.

1787. Aug. 9. A court marshall begun upon Major Browne for misconduct at Gibraltar.<sup>8</sup>

1787. Aug. 11. Died at Alnwick, Mr. John Yolloey, with a fair character, aged 56.<sup>9</sup>

1787. Aug. Duke of York<sup>10</sup> arrived at London from his German dominions after an absence of four years, to the great joy of the king, queen, etc.

1787. Aug. 15. Died at Lilburn, John Collingwood, esq., aged 63.<sup>11</sup>

1787. Aug. 18. Mrs. Gibson came on a visit.

<sup>3</sup> Lady Swinburne was daughter of Mr. R. H. A. Bennett of Beckenham, Kent.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. pedigree of Grey of Howick, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 351.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Samuel Forster, eighth son of Joseph Forster of High Biston and Newton-by-the-Sea was baptized at Embleton, 5 Dec., 1735. He carried on the trade of corn-factor at High Biston granary, at the south side of the mouth of the Aln, and died s.p. May, 1825. His wife was Dorothy, daughter of — Adams of Long Houghton.

<sup>6</sup> 1787. June 30. Jane Neal, widow, of Harlow-house, buried. *Long Houghton Registers*.

<sup>7</sup> Probably wife of Thomas Bailey, officer of H.M. Customs, Alnmouth, who died, aged 74, on 17 April, 1803, four months after the death of his son of the same name. Cf. *Lesbury Registers*.

<sup>8</sup> Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1787, part 2, p. 830.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. p. 321, *post*.

<sup>10</sup> Frederick Duke of York, second son of King George III., was born on the 16 August, 1763, and at an early age was appointed Prince Bishop of Osnaburgh, the ecclesiastical duties of the see being discharged by a Roman Catholic prelate.

<sup>11</sup> Mr. John Collingwood, sometime of Fleet Street, London, was second son of Henry Collingwood of Westerheugh and of Braxton, and also kinsman and devisee of Mr. Thomas Clennell of West Lilburn, now called Lilburn Tower.

1787. Aug. Mr. Anthony Lambert, attorney, settled in Alnwick to practise: came from Berwick after being there thirteen years.

1787. Aug. 26. Miss Adams and Nanny Brown came home from Hepple after a stay of three weeks. Also Nanny Brown was three weeks at Long Houghton bathing.

1787. Aug. Joseph Forster, esq., Newcastle, was married to Miss Wardell of Whitburn, county of Durham: 20,000*l.*<sup>12</sup>

1787. Aug. Died, Dr. Laws, bishop of Carlisle, aged 87.<sup>13</sup>

1787. Aug. 29. Died at Alnwick, Miss Yolloley, daughter of the late Mr. J. Yolloley, aged 17.

1787. Aug. Thomas Harrison begun to cut his field of barley: also his daughter Jenny landed at Alemouth from London.

King of Prussia in possession of Holland and the Prince of Orange appointed ruler of the States. Amsterdam opposed for some time, but was obliged to surrender to the Prince of Brunswick, with great loss and several killed.

1787. Sept. 2. Died in London, Ralph Grey, esq., brother to Sir Henry Grey, bart.<sup>14</sup>

Died there Thomas Delaval, esq., brother to Lord Delaval.<sup>15</sup>

1787. Sept. 6. Died upon the road from the western circuit, Serj. Bolton.<sup>16</sup>

1787. Sept. 9. Miss Peggy Brown and her sister Betty<sup>17</sup> went to Long Houghton upon a visit.

1787. Sept. A meeting and riot at Glasgow by the servants against their employers with respect to their wages. Several killed and wounded. The military obliged to assist.

1787. Oct. 1. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Sewell.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Joseph Forster of Newcastle, sheriff 1787, and mayor 1801, 1808, and 1818, grandson of Joseph Forster of Newton-by-the-Sea, and eldest son of Francis Forster of Newcastle, merchant, married first at Darlington, Elizabeth, daughter of John Wardell of Whitburn. She died on the 14 November, 1791, and he married secondly at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, 2 July, 1794, Mary, daughter of Henry Scott of Newcastle, niece of Lords Eldon and Stowell. He died 7 April, 1821, aged 59, leaving issue.

<sup>13</sup> Dr. Edmund Law, Bishop of Carlisle from 1769 until his death, was a native of Cartmel in Lancashire, and was educated at the grammar school at Kendal, and at St. John's College, Cambridge. He successively held parochial preferment, the mastership of Peterhouse and prebends at Lichfield, Lincoln and at Durham.

<sup>14</sup> Mr. Ralph Grey of Preston, fourth son of Sir Henry Grey of Howick, bart., was baptized 8 Jan., 1737/8; dying unmarried at his house Hanover Street, Hanover Square, he was buried in South Audley Street Chapel. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 8 Sept., 1787.

<sup>15</sup> Mr. Thomas Delaval, when riding in Hyde Park on 31 Aug., dropped from his horse in a fit, was carried home, and immediately expired. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1787, p. 839. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ix. p. 173.

<sup>16</sup> Serjeant James Clayton Bolton was taken ill, died and was buried at Wolseley-bridge, Staffordshire. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1787, p. 839.

<sup>17</sup> The Diarist's daughters.

1787. Oct. After seven weeks sitting, the court marshall against Major Browne closed, but no sentence passed.

1787. Oct. 7. Pearson, clerk, *v.* Ilderton, esq. After three weeks sitting, the commission closed respecting the glebe land at Ilderton, and sealed up.<sup>18</sup>

1787. Oct. 9. Married at Alnwick, Mr. Robert Richardson, attorney, to a daughter of James Purvis, common brewer.<sup>19</sup>

1787. Oct. Died lately in France, Ralph Clavering, esq., formerly of Callaley, Northumberland.<sup>20</sup>

1787. Oct. Major Browne of the 67th regiment found guilty of oppression by the court martial: to be suspended.<sup>21</sup>

1787. Oct. 21. Dutches of Northumberland arrived at Heaton-hall with two children to have inoculated.

1787. Oct. Foxton-hall farm let to Mr. William Anderson of Bilton for the remainder of years of Mr. Selby's lease.<sup>1</sup>

1787. Oct. 24. Duke of Northumberland set off from London for Alnwick Castle.

1787. Oct. Chamberlains choose for this year, Messrs. Baird, Baron, Hardy, Sanderson.

1787. Oct. 27. Captain Potts<sup>2</sup> begun to recruit at Alnwick for the 51st regiment.

1787. Oct. 29. At noon, arrived at Alnwick Castle, His Grace Duke of Northumberland, with a great concourse of people: an ox roasted whole and illuminations, etc.

1787. Nov. Died, the 20th of last month, Mrs. Smart, relict of the late William Smart, esq., at Broxfield.<sup>3</sup>

Also at Alnwick, Mr. Robert Nicholson, merchant, and his wife.

Died at the same place, Miss Nanny Woodhouse, daughter of Mr. Thomas Woodhouse.

Last month also, His Grace Duke of Rutland, Lord Lieutenant and Viceroy of Ireland, aged 33; the first that ever died in that honourable post.

Also died, Mr. John Forster of Berwick, brother to Matthew Forster of Bolton, esq.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>18</sup> This refers to an action brought by the incumbent of Ilderton against the landowners to ascertain and delimit the glebe land, which up to that time seems to have been scattered and undivided from the property of the lay freeholders.

<sup>19</sup> For the death of Mr. Robert Richardson's first wife see p. 254, *supra*.

<sup>20</sup> Mr. Ralph Clavering of Callaley, the head of that very ancient house, and representative of the ancient barons of Warkworth, was born on the 29 June, 1727, being eldest son of Ralph Clavering of Callaley by his marriage with Mary, daughter of Nicholas Stapleton of Ponteland. He died at St. Omer on the 4 October, 1787 (*Newcastle Courant*, 20 October, 1787), having been married three times and leaving issue by his second and third wives.

<sup>21</sup> Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, for 1787, part 2, p. 1011.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. p. 293, *supra*.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 244, *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> She was Sarah Ayrd of Stockton. For her husband's death see p. 259, *supra*.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. John Forster, 'captain in one of the reduced regiments,' a younger

1787. Nov. 3. The appearance of a war with France is now vanished away, articles of peace having been executed by the necessary negotiators employed for such purpose. All pressing for sailors being laid aside, which has cost Great Britain one million of money, but the same was absolutely required.

1787. Nov. 7. Duke of Northumberland's foxhounds went out for the first time and killed two foxes, earthing another.

1787. Nov. 9. Second hunt, killed one fox.

Promotions:—(1) Dr. Douglass appointed Bishop of Carlisle *vice* Dr. Law, deceased; (2) Hon. Dr. Harley, Bishop of Hereford *vice* Beauclerk, deceased; (3) Dr. Beilby Porteus, Bishop of London *vice* Lowth, deceased; (4) Marquess of Buckingham appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland *vice* Duke of Rutland.

1787. Nov. 12. Dutches of Northumberland with three children arrived at Alnwick Castle from Heaton-hall.

Third hunt:—none—weather being very wet.

1787. Nov. Deaths:—At Hepscott, Edward Wilson, esq.<sup>5</sup>; at South Sunderland, Rev. Mr. Coxon<sup>6</sup>; at Berwick-upon-Tweed, Mrs. Grey, widow of Marmaduke Grey, esq., deceased.<sup>7</sup>

1787. Nov. 23. Fourth hunt: killed two foxes. A gelding belonging to Mr. Story died in the chase.

1787. Nov. 27. Died at London, of a fever, Mr. Richard Baird, brother to Mr. William Baird in Alnwick, with a character that few are entitled to.<sup>8</sup>

1787. Dec. Died at London, Right Hon. Earl of Guildford, father of Lord North, who succeeds in title and estate; aged 83.

1787. Dec. 3. Fifth hunt. Still soft rainy weather—south-west.

1787. Dec. 10. Duke of Northumberland receives no company—on account of a gouty disorder—for one month past and still continues ill.

son of Thomas Forster of Lucker and Brunton, ended his foreign service after the taking of Havannah in 1762. On March 5, 1764, he married at St. John's Church, Newcastle, Sarah, daughter of William Temple of Berwick (who was ancestor of Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury). This lady in her widowhood lived with her unmarried daughter at Warkworth until her death, 17 April, 1824. Two of their sons entered the navy and fought at Camperdown. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. pp. 109, 113.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Edward Wilson of Hepscot, eldest son and heir of George Wilson of the same place, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Nowell of Naworth, was baptized at Morpeth, 22 February, 1745/6, and married at Warkworth 4 May, 1781, Margaret, daughter of John Cook of Togston. He is said to have died from a gun shot, and he was buried at Morpeth on the 21st November, 1787, s. p.

<sup>6</sup> John Coxon, M.A., rector of Sunderland from 1762 until his death.

<sup>7</sup> She was widow of Marmaduke Grey, who died in 1763, in the lifetime of his father Bryan Grey of Kyloe, and daughter of Thomas Forster of Brunton. Cf. Pedigree of Grey of Kyloe. Raine *North Durham*, p. 337, and pedigree of Forster of Brunton, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii., p. 110.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Richard Baird was baptized at Lesbury, 28 March, 1764, being the second son of William Baird of Alnmouth, by his marriage with Jane Strother. Cf. pp. 251, 259, *supra*.

1787. Dec. 14. Died at Durham, Mr. Christopher Johnson, attorney-at-law, well respected.<sup>9</sup>

Died at Darlington, Mrs. Allen, wife of George Allen, attorney.<sup>10</sup>

1787. Dec. 16. The new Methodist house opened in Clayport street, by a blind preacher. Text, Ezekiel xlivi, 12.

Died at Belford Westfield, Mr. Robert Smart, formerly living at Spindlestone.<sup>11</sup>

1787. Dec. Mr. Francis Laidman, surgeon at Morpeth, sold his tyths of Tuggle, Tuggle-hall, Crook-letch, to Mr. Robinson of Tuggle for 2,200*l.*<sup>12</sup>

1787. Dec. 16-20. A heavy rain day and night, insomuch that it penetrated through the covering of several houses and which occasioned a great flood in the river.

1787. Dec. On the 17 inst., died, Mr. William Brown, eldest son of Alexander Brown, esq., of Branton.<sup>13</sup>

1787. Dec. 22. Frost and snow set in.

1787. Dec. 26. The twenty third of this month being the birthday of the Dutches of Northumberland and her eldest daughter, Elizabeth, but falling on a Sunday could not publicly be observed till this day. There was an ox roasted for the populace with three 18-gallon casks of ale in the Market-place, done with decency. The Dutches entered her 34th year: daughter Elizabeth her 7th year.

1787. Dec. 27. His Grace Duke of Northumberland out of his wonted goodness and benevolent disposition, gave the sum of 20*l.* to be distributed amongst the poor, on account—as it is believed—of the late birth-day.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Christopher Johnson, married at St. Mary-le-Bow, Durham, 27 August, 1747, Tabitha, daughter of George Dixon, of Aykleyheads, and dying on the 10th December, 1787, aged 70, he was buried in the graveyard of Durham Cathedral.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. George Allan of Darlington, afterwards of Blackwell Grange, married Anne, daughter and heiress of James Colling (afterwards Nicholson) of Scruton.

<sup>11</sup> Mr. Robert Smart, second son of John Smart of Belford West-hall, was baptized at Belford, 29 Jan., 1715/6 (?), married 10 Sept., 1744, Frances, daughter of Rev. William Burrell of Broome-park, vicar of Chatton, purchased Hobberlaw in 1755, and farmed successively at Wark, Spindlestone, etc. He was an able mathematician, built an organ, invented a threshing machine, etc. In his will, dated 17th Dec., 1783, he names five sons and at least five daughters:—They were John, William, Robert (a major in the King's Own), Ralph and Bryan (?), Frances, wife of Thomas Compton, Martha, Sarah, wife of William Spours, Eleanor, wife of James Pollard, Philadelphia, wife of . . . Patterson.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Francis Laidman had obtained these tithes with his wife Mary, daughter and coheir of John Forster of Higham Dikes, a scion of the family of Forster of Newham. Mrs. Laidman was buried at Morpeth 15 April, 1788, and he 4th June, 1796. There was a numerous issue of the marriage.

<sup>13</sup> Mr. William Brown, eldest son of Alexander Brown of Branton, by his wife Ann, daughter of Rev. Charles Stoddart, vicar of Eglingham, was baptized at Eglingham, 1 April, 1732, and was apprenticed, 1 Feb., 1748/9, to Henry Eden of Newcastle, boothman. He died unmarried in his father's lifetime and was buried at Bolton Chapel, 19 Dec., 1787. The *Newcastle Courant* of 29 Dec., 1787, stated that he died at Low Framlington.

While Mr. Strickland's comedians were at Alnwick, His Grace—every night when they acted—sent one guinea. At their conclusion for the season, His Grace gave them each two guineas at the Castle and ordered a supper at the Black Swan for them, with a decent quantity of liquor. This is the first time of his liberality in [word illegible].

1787. Dec. 30. Married at Alnwick, Mr. William Forster, cheese-monger, to Miss Richardson, sister to Mr. Robert Richardson, attorney-at-law.

1787. Dec. In the beginning of the month, married Mr. Cowley of Fenton, to Miss Spours, daughter of Mr. Thomas Spours, of Broom-park Low-stead.<sup>14</sup>

1787. Dec. 31. John Fawdon of Rennington Low-stead, married to Widow Tate, [widow] of John Tate of Rennington.<sup>15</sup>

Ballance in the Masons' box amounts to 145*l.* and upwards. Settled the 27th of this month.

Mr. Strickland's company of comedians were dispersed at Alnwick. Totally unfit, he being in a bad state of health, and the set very indifferent actors, collected from all quarters and in no wise fit for a theatre.

1787. Dec. Some weeks ago, died at Gallow-hill, Messrs. Cook, drovers and husbandmen: not many days distant one after another their deaths.<sup>16</sup>

1787. Informations received which deserve notice:—

(1) That the worthy Earl of Chatham, who died in May, 1778, by his will only bequeathed to his son, Mr. William Pitt (now Prime Minister) only 10,000*l.*, appointing Lady Chatham, Lord Temple, and Lord Camden executors therein.

(2) That Mr. John Archbold, late of North Acton, but now in Alnwick, was born the 11th day of April, 1722.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>14</sup> 24 Dec., 1787. George Culley, parish of Wooler, and Isabella Spours, of this parish, married. *Edlington Register.*

<sup>15</sup> By his marriage with Mrs. Mary Tate, John Fawdon had with other issue an eldest son, James, born at Lee Moor, and baptized at Rennington, 30 Nov., 1788, who farmed successively at Lesbury Field-house and at Tuggal. He married Jane, daughter of Robert Wade of Rennington, and had issue John Thomas Fawdon of London, solicitor; Robert Wade Fawdon of Tuggal, who married Mary, daughter of Robert Embleton of Beadnell, surgeon, and a daughter who married Alexander Borthwick of Kilham.

<sup>16</sup> This statement is not borne out by the registers at Bolam, which contain the following entries:—

1786. July 13. Michael Cook of Gallow-hill, esq., buried.

1787. Aug. 27. John Cook of Ogle, esq., buried.

They were sons of William Cook of Thockrington, a successful grazier, who in 1753 purchased Gallow-hill, in the parish of Bolam. John Cook, the last surviving brother, gave that estate and other property to his niece Anne, wife of John Bell, and daughter of Robert Hepple of Black Heddon. (cf. Rev. John Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*, part II., vol. ii., p. 292.)

<sup>17</sup> John Archbold, son of Edward Archbold, tenant of Cawledge-park, in the parish of Alnwick and of Acton, married, 28 April, 1752, Jane, daughter of Joshua Whitehead of Boulmer, by whom he had issue; he died 22 June, 1805.

(3) That Mrs. Taylor, wife of George Taylor, esq., of Swinhoe, died on the 8th day of March, 1773.<sup>18</sup>

(4) That Doctor Horsley and Miss Jane Brown were married in January in the year 1770.<sup>19</sup>

(5) James Scott of Alnwick, esq., died August [?April], 1760, aged 75.<sup>20</sup>

(6) Robert Claxton, esq., died 1766, aged 77.<sup>1</sup>

(7) Mr. George Scott, son of James Scott, esq., died 1766, aged 46.<sup>2</sup>

(7) Mr. James Grey, attorney, died 1772, aged 29.<sup>3</sup>

(9) Mr. John Grey, merchant, died 1775, aged 29.<sup>3</sup>

(10) Mr. Luke Hindmarsh, died 1758, aged 31.<sup>4</sup>

(11) Mr. Edward Archbold of Cawledge Park, died Sept., 1764, aged 79.<sup>5</sup>

(12) Mr. William Ord of Alnwick died March, 1755.

(13) That many years ago died Mr. Joseph Baron, merchant. Some years ago Mr. John Baron, his son, merchant, remarkable both at the age of 35.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Mr. George Taylor of Swinhoe Broomford, married 5 May, 1761, Hannah, daughter of Thomas Forster of Luckier. Their son, George Taylor of Witton, co. Durham, was father of Sir Henry Taylor, author of *Philip Van Artevelde*, etc.

<sup>19</sup> Dr. John Horsley, husband of the Diarist's daughter Jane, practised in Darlington. Subsequently his son (William) practised in Alnwick for a short time.

<sup>20</sup> 1760. April 8. James Scott, attorney-at-law, buried, *Alnwick Registers*. 'An eminent attorney and steward to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Northumberland,' *Newcastle Courant*, 12 April, 1760.

<sup>1</sup> 1689. Aug. 9. Robert, son of Mr. Robert Claxton, was born. *Alnwick Registers*.

<sup>2</sup> 1722. Aug. 9. Robert Claxton and Elizabeth Grey married. *Alnwick Registers*. Mrs. Claxton was daughter of Martin Grey of Overgrass, and aunt of John Grey mentioned below.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. George Scott died at Alnwick 14 June, 1766. *Newcastle Courant*, 21 June, 1766. Cf. p. 280, *supra*.

<sup>4</sup> John Grey of Alnwick (cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 460) married Anne, daughter of James Scott of Alnwick and of Thompson's Walls, in the parish of Kirknewton, and had (perhaps with other issue) two sons and two daughters, viz. :—

James Grey of Alnwick, attorney, baptized 4 May, 1743, succeeded to Thompson's Walls on the death of his uncle James Scott, and dying unmarried, was buried on the 3 May, 1772.

John Grey of Alnwick, merchant, baptized 23 April, 1746, married 27 July, 1773, his kinswoman Anne, daughter of John Grey of Morwick, and had issue one daughter (who died in her minority), and died 2 June, 1775.

Anne, baptized 18 January, 1744/5, wife of Robert Anderson of Carnwath, N.B.

Margaret, baptized 25 January, 1747/8, died unmarried 11 January, 1774.

<sup>4</sup> 1758. 1 Dec. Mr. Luke Hindmarsh, tanner, buried. *Alnwick Registers*.

<sup>5</sup> Edward Archbold of Cawledge Park was baptized at Alnwick 22 May, 1685, and purchased North Acton in 1746; by his wife Dorothy Lisle, who died 27 April, 1769, aged 68, he had with other issue John Archbold of Acton, named above.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Joseph Baron and Christian Calhoun were married by licence 9 Dec.,

Remarks upon the whole for 1786 and 1787:—

(1) Earl of Mansfield has not as yet resigned the office of Chief Justice of the King's Bench, in consequence Judge Buller is not promoted as mentioned in Dec., 1786.<sup>6a</sup>

(2) Sir Lloyd Kenion Knight,  
Rich. Pepper Arden, esq.,  
Arch. Macdonald, esq.,  
John Parry, esq.,  
Edw. Bearcroft, esq.,

with Judge Buller not promoted as mentioned in May, 1787.

(3) The death of the Earl of Guildford premature.

(4) Neither Rev. Mr. Bowe nor Rev. Mr. Cook are promoted to Shilbottle as mentioned, but the Rev. Mr. Cockran got the living.

1788. January. Right Hon. Lord North having for some time been afflicted with sore eyes—almost blind—is gone to Bath for the benefit of the waters, etc. But it's believed that it will not be of any service.

1788. Jan. Duke of Northumberland still continues ill: gout, not fixed.

1788. Jan. A new coinage of gold, silver, and also copper. Very beautiful.

1788. Jan. A great rumour about Duke Hamilton and Earl Eglington respecting the latter's lady.<sup>7</sup>

1788. Jan. 14. Miss Peggy Brown and her niece, Jenny Horsley, set forward for Darlington.<sup>8</sup>

1788. Jan. 16. Died at Hexham, Robert Shaftoe of Bavington, esq.<sup>9</sup>

Died, Gilbert Selby of Holy Island, esq.<sup>10</sup>

1788. Jan. 25. Windy weather for five days past—very lofty south-west—but of great utility to the farmers preparing the land to receive the seed corn.

1788. Jan. 27. Rev. Mr. Charles Charlton preached at Alnwick. Text, Psalm cxix., v. 71.

1729 (*Alnwick Registers*), and he was buried 1st May, 1739 (*ibid.*). Mr. John Baron, merchant, and Ann Milikin were married by license 24 May, 1759 (*ibid.*). They had issue two children, viz., a daughter Christian, born 29 June, 1759, and Joseph, born 18 May, 1761 (*ibid.*). Mr. John Baron, merchant, was buried 3 Feb., 1763, and his widow was married secondly 25 Dec., 1764, to Mr. Thomas Call, head gardener to the Earl afterwards the Duke of Northumberland. *Ibid.*

<sup>6a</sup> Cf. p. 286, *supra*.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1788, p. 76.

<sup>8</sup> The Diarist's daughter and granddaughter.

<sup>9</sup> A pedigree of Shafto of Bavington may be found in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv. p. 417.

<sup>10</sup> 15 Jan., 1788, 'Mr. Gilbert Selby, bailiff, or petty constable of this village,' buried (*Holy Island Registers*). The second son of George Selby of the same place, he was baptized 28 Feb., 1709/10, and married *circa* October, 1753, Sarah Taylor of Kyloe, by whom he had issue five sons and five daughters. He was brother of George Selby of Alnwick, attorney, and uncle of George Selby of Foxton, and Henry Collingwood Selby of Swansfield. Cf. pp. 262-263, *supra*.

1788. Feb. On the 26 ult., married by a special licence, at Fallowden, Samuel Whitbread of London, esq., to Miss Grey, daughter of Sir Charles Grey, K.B.<sup>11</sup>

1788. Feb. Lord George Gordon try'd before Judge Asshurst, for libelling, to wit:—1st., for publishing the Prisoners' Petition; 2nd., for a libel against the French Minister.

After a hearing of the same, the determination pronounced was:—that 500*l.* was immediately to be paid to government: that he was to be imprisoned three years for the first offence in Newgate, and two years after for the second offence: to find security for his good behaviour afterwards for fourteen years; himself in 10,000*l.* penalty: his security in 2,500*l.* each.<sup>12</sup>

1788. Feb. 20. Duke of Northumberland recovered of his gouty disorder.

1788. Feb. Messrs. Falls of Dunbar, merchants, failed in the sum of 60,000*l.*, which has occasioned much noise.

1788. Feb. Died at Balmbrough, Mr. Moneypenny, aged 74, with a good character.<sup>13</sup>

1788. Feb. Tryals begun:—Eliah Impey, esq., Chief Justice, before the House of Commons; Warren Hastings, esq., Governor, before the House of Lords, Westminster-hall. Mr. Edmund Burke's speech upon the last occasion in Westminster-hall will soon be published: said that it contains every matter relating to the charge against Hastings, in every respect very moving and dress'd up with the greatest perspicuity and eloquence imaginable, also in genteel language—masterly! Mr. Hastings gives the council employed for him, as retainer, 100 guineas: for their fee 1,000 guineas each. Mr. Burke in his speech says that he is guilty of avarice, oppression, cruelty, and insolence: that he had a heart as black as the blackest guilt could make. He called him 'The captain general of iniquity.'<sup>14</sup>

1788. Feb. On the 31st of last month, died at Rome, Prince Charles Stewart, aged 67; his body by the orders of his brother Cardinal of York, was conveyed to Frascati. The prince has left only one daughter about the age of 25 years, who now assumes the title of Duchess of Albany, bears a good character and will be an immense fortune by her father and uncle.<sup>15</sup>

1788. Feb. 28. Duke and Duchess of Northumberland with five children set off from Alnwick Castle for London—four carriages.

<sup>11</sup> Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1788, p. 82. Also pedigree of Grey of Howick, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 353.

<sup>12</sup> The first conviction was 'on an information for libels on the Queen of France and Mons. Barthelemy,' and the second 'on the criminal justice of this country.' Judgment was given in the Court of King's Bench 28 January, 1788. Cf. *Gentleman's Mag.*, 1788, p. 80.

<sup>13</sup> Cf. Monumental Inscription, Bamburgh

<sup>14</sup> Lengthy accounts of this famous trial are given in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1788.

<sup>15</sup> An account of Charles Edward's funeral may be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1788, pp. 269, 363.

1788. March 1. A hiring day at Alnwick for hinds and herds, newly fixed annually.<sup>16</sup>

Mr. Robert Storer of Rothbury fell from his horse in Clayport-bank and had one of his legs broke, and was brought to Doctor Pringle.<sup>17</sup>

1788. March. Robert Hodgson Cay, esq., of North Charlton, appointed to be one of the four Commissioners of Edinburgh.<sup>18</sup>

1788. March. Died at Philadelphia, in January last, Benjamin Frankland, an able philosopher and a very great politician, aged 78.<sup>19</sup>

1788. March 17. Horse Grenadiers broke.<sup>1</sup>

General Carpenter died.<sup>2</sup>

1788. March. General Howard appointed to the command of the 4th regiment of dragoons *vice* Carpenter.

1788. March 18. Died at Alnwick, Doctor Henry Richardson with a good character, aged 75.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Robert Storer went from Alnwick to Rothbury in a post-chaise accompanied by Doctor Pringle.

1788. April 1. Mr. and Mrs. Plenderliff set off from Alnwick for New Jersey, America.

<sup>13</sup> The hirings for agricultural servants are held at Alnwick on the first Saturday in March.

<sup>17</sup> Mr. Robert Storer was baptized at Rothbury 10 May, 1754, as son of Thomas Storrer, and married 16 Dec., 1780, Mary, daughter of Richard Fletcher, by whom he had issue. 'On Saturday after a long and severe illness which he bore with becoming fortitude, Mr. Robert Storrer, late a common brewer at Rothbury.' *Newcastle Courant*, 7 January, 1792.

<sup>18</sup> Mr. Robert Hodshon Cay of North Charlton, only son of John Cay of the same place, by his wife Frances, daughter of Ralph Hodshon of Lintz, co. Durham, was born 5 July, 1758. He became a judge of the High Court of Admiralty of Scotland, and died at Edinburgh 31 March, 1810. He was father of John Cay—'Lockhart's friend Cay.'

<sup>19</sup> This report was incorrect, for Franklin did not die until 17 May, 1790. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1790, p. 571.

<sup>1</sup> 'The name of Horse Guards to sink entirely, and that of Life Guards to continue.' *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1788, p. 268.

<sup>2</sup> General Carpenter was Benjamin, son of Colonel Carpenter, who fell at the head of the 3rd Reg. of Guards at Fontenoy 11 May 1745. He was colonel 4th Dragoons, equerry to the King, and he drowned himself on 8 March in the Serpentine. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1788, p. 275.

<sup>3</sup> 1713. Aug. 17. Henry, son of John Richardson, apothecary, baptized. *Alnwick Registers*. 1736. April 7. Mr. Henry Richardson and Mrs. Ann Colhun, both of Alnwick, married. *Howick Register*.

At the time of his death Dr. Richardson was said to be 'the oldest licentiate of the London College; a gentleman not more distinguished for his medical abilities than admired and esteemed for his philanthropy and honest simplicity of manners.' *Newcastle Courant*, 22 March, 1788.

There is an inscription to his memory in Alnwick church. He married 18 October, 1744, Hannah, daughter of James Scott of Alnwick, and had issue two sons, viz.: James Richardson of Wakefield, M.D., and Henry (died in Edinburgh, January, 1771) and four daughters:—Sarah (married 28 May, 1769, Robert Lisle of Newcastle and Elyhaugh), Hannah, wife first of Robert Carr (and secondly of — Jolly), Mary, and Anne.

Lord Lovaine's lady delivered of a son at London.<sup>4</sup>

Died at London, Doctor Charles Wesley, aged 81.<sup>5</sup>

1788. April 10. His Grace Duke of Dorset and His Grace Duke of Northumberland were invested with the honor of Knights of the Garter with a blue ribbon: as also made Fellows of the Royal Society.

1788. April. Married, — Downey, taylor in Alnwick, to Miss Yownes of Wandylaw, said to be 1,000*l.* fortune, saved by great economy.

1788. April. Thomas Riddle, esq., of Felton-hall, applied for a market-day to be held at Felton. It would have been granted on condition that he would change his religion from Catholic to Protestant. He was willing, but Mrs. Riddell made an objection, so was at an end.<sup>6</sup>

1788. April 16. Died at Newcastle, Doctor Charles Brown, M.D., aged 51. Much lamented.<sup>7</sup>

[Died] Mrs. Twentyman, wife of Mr. Twentyman, curate of Whittingham.<sup>8</sup>

[Died] the great Mr. Rigby at Bath.<sup>9</sup>

1788. April 23. R.H. Prince of Wales's dragoons passed through Alnwick for Scotland.

1788. April. In the beginning of the month a disagreeable circumstance happened at Cambridge. Two young students attacked a cartman and with severe blows: he died soon after. Coroner inquest! Wilful murder! Young men absconded.<sup>10</sup>

1788. April. A new Methodist house totally finished in Clayport street, Alnwick, with two new houses facing the street, fully established by Mr. Wesley.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Rear-Admiral William Henry Percy born 24 March, 1788.

<sup>5</sup> The Rev. Charles Wesley, the hymn writer, died on the 28 March. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1788, p. 368.

<sup>6</sup> This statement, extraordinary if correct, may be compared with the definition of religion which Fielding puts into the mouth of Thwackum, the divine, 'When I mention religion, I mean the Christian religion, and not only the Christian religion, but the Protestant religion; and not only the Protestant religion, but the Church of England.' *Tom Jones*, Book III. chapter iii.

<sup>7</sup> Dr. Charles Brown, the third son of Mr. Alexander Brown of Branton, was baptized at Eglingham 7 January, 1733/4. He practised in Newcastle and in 1779 was appointed one of the Commissioners for building a temporary bridge over the Tyne in room of that swept away by the great flood. He resided in Westgate street and at the time of his death he was the 'senior physician to the Infirmary and deservedly lamented by all ranks of the people.' *Newcastle Courant*, 19 April, 1788.

<sup>8</sup> 1788. April 15. Margaret, wife of the Rev. Mr. Twentyman of Whittingham, buried. *Whittingham Registers*.

<sup>9</sup> The Rt. Hon. Richard Rigby, M.P. for Tavistock, died at Bath, 8 April. He was son of a woollen draper in Paternoster Row who obtained great wealth as a South Sea Company contractor. Rigby was a member of White's and served in the Irish administration when the Duke of Bedford was Lord Lieutenant. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1788, p. 369.

<sup>10</sup> Cf. p. 302, *post.*

<sup>11</sup> Cf. Tate, *History of Alnwick*, vol. ii. p. 196.

1788. May 4. Died at Lesbury Field-house, Mr. Richard Robson, aged 87.<sup>12</sup>

1788. May 12. At Alnwick fare a very remarkable shew of good cattle which sold high.

1788. May 14. Died at Alnwick, Miss Isabella Rosedon, aged 60.<sup>13</sup>

1788. May. King of France has totally disannulled his Parliament, discharging them and setting them at rovers. Himself to govern the whole, not to be controwled in the management of his affairs by any. To be sole director.

1788. May 25. Rev. Mr. Wesley preached in the Methodist-house to a very crowded audience.<sup>14</sup>

1788. May. Immence failures in London and Manchester among the cotton manufacturers, oweing to the currency of bills and extending their arms too farr: a loss that won't soon be surmounted, for several bankruptcys will be the consequence. Don't affect the north.

1788. May. Died at Alnwick, Mary Bell, widow of the late Thomas Bell, innkeeper at the Angel inn.

1788. May. Room compleat at Warkworth by Mr. Harrison, Howick. In length 30 feet, height 16 ft., breadth 18 ft.<sup>15</sup>

1788. June 2. The Durham and Northumberland militia embodied.

Calendar of Maniacs:—In 1786 Mrs. Margaret Nicholson<sup>16</sup> *versus*

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Richard Robson married three times, first Hannah, died 30 Oct., 1755, second 27 July, 1756, Eleanor Mills, who died 3 Feb., 1759, and third, Esther Marshall of Newcastle, who died 18 Dec., 1784.

<sup>13</sup> The Rosedons, or Rosedens, were tenants in Bilton under the Earls of Northumberland from the sixteenth century downward. Henry Rosedon died at Bilton Barns and was buried at Lesbury, 16 April, 1717. By his wife Constance, who was buried 5 Dec., 1706, he had, with other issue, a son, also named Henry, who dying at Bilton Barns, aged 65, was buried at Lesbury 25 January, 1746/7. The latter by his wife, Alice, had issue six sons Henry, John, Mark, Joseph, George and Michael, also three daughters, viz., Isabella, baptized 23 June, 1730, Constance, baptized 4 Feb., 1737, and (apparently) Dorothy, wife of Henry Tomlin of Barnhill.

<sup>14</sup> 1788. 'Saturday, May 24. About one we reached Alnwick. I was a little surprised at the new preaching house (in which I preached in the evening) exactly resembling the meeting house we have at Brentford. Had they no eyes? Or had they never seen any English house? But the scare crow must now stand without remedy.'

1788. 'Sunday, May 25. This was the day on which all the Non-juring congregations in Scotland began, by common agreement, to pray in all their public worship for King George and his family. I preached at nine, at two, and at half-past five, the last time on the Gospel for the day, (the history of Dives and Lazarus,) with much enlargement of spirit. After preaching at five in the morning, on Matt. xxvi., and taking a solemn leave of the congregation, I went on to Morpeth.' Rev. John Wesley's *Journal*, vol. iv. p. 420.

<sup>15</sup> This refers to the long room in the Sun Hotel, Warkworth.

<sup>16</sup> Cf. p. 274, *supra*.

the King. 1787. Mr. Stone<sup>17</sup> *versus* the Princess Royal. 1788. Mr. Spang<sup>18</sup> *versus* the Princess Elizabeth.

1788. June 10. A remarkable drought from the middle of March to this time, which still continues, so much that the pastures are all burnt up. The like drought was in the year 1762.

1788. June 11. The lady of Sir John Edward Swinburn, bart., delivered of a son.

1788. June. The lady of Captain Mitchel of a son.<sup>19</sup>

1788. June. A monthly club set on foot, by the country gentlemen of Northumberland at Warkworth and Weldon-mill, to be held alternately.

1788. June 18, 21. Firing by the militia on the Haugh, tolerably performed.

1788. June 19. A grand breakfast given by Captain Farquhar to the officers, gentlemen, and ladies in town, but by invitation.<sup>20</sup>

Sir Lloyd Kenion created a peer by the name of Lord Kenion, and appointed Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench *vice* Earl Mansfield, who has retired and has held the office for 32 years with a good character.

1788. June. Sir Richard Pepper Arden, knt., appointed Master of the Rolls *vice* Lord Kenyon, promoted.

Sir John Edward Swinburn, bart., chosen member of Parliament for the borough town of Launceston in Cornwall.

Mr. Conway returned as a member of Parliament for Tregony.

A complimentary letter sent by the gentlemen of the Barr to the Earl of Mansfield upon his resignation.

1788. June 28. Newcastle races: had rain all the days, which was remarkable.

Northumberland militia disembodied, after a present of twenty-five guineas made them by His Grace Duke of Northumberland, who reviewed them upon the Haugh, and gave great satisfaction to his grace, both officers and soldiers received the compliment.

1788. June 30. A clear dry day. Wind north. The horses booked for Alnwick races, and cocks weighed.

<sup>17</sup> Stone was a lunatic who proposed marriage with the Princess Royal. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1787, p. 831.

<sup>18</sup> A Dane by parentage, a hairdresser to trade, who clandestinely entered the room of the Princess Elizabeth on the 31 May, 1788. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1788, p. 558.

<sup>19</sup> Charles Mitchell of Forsett, North Riding of Yorkshire, a captain in the 49th regiment of Foot, married at St. George's Hanover Square, 14 May, 1787, Margaret, elder daughter and co-heir of Alexander Collingwood of Little Ryle and Unthank. Captain and Mrs. Mitchell subsequently sold their moiety of the estate to John Tarleton of Liverpool, who had married the other co-heiress. He died 7 February, 1841, and she on the 7 December following.

<sup>20</sup> George Farquhar, captain 32nd regiment of Foot, of the family of Gilmilncroft, Ayrshire, died at Alnwick on the 9 August, 1795, aged 73. Cf. *Archæologia Aeliana*, 3 ser. vol. iv. p. 124.

1788. June. Died at Felton, Peter Hogg, clock maker there. He was a remarkable ingenious man with a small share of learning.<sup>1</sup>

Promotions:—Mr. McDonald, Attorney General; Mr. J. Scott, Solicitor General; Mr. Bearcroft also promoted.

1788. June 31. Duke of Northumberland's company numbered forty-eight.

1788. July. Great quantity of fruit this year of all kinds, the berries heavy loaden.

1788. July 2 and 3. Alnwick races: winners, Lord A. Hamilton, Robt. Baird, esq.

1788. July 6. Duke of Northumberland had a genteel company at the Castle, thirty three in number.

1788. July 10. He had twenty in number.

The corpse of the Dutches of Montrose were carried through Alnwick for Scotland to be interred; a hearse and two coaches each drawn by six capital black horses.<sup>2</sup>

1788. July 19. Killed in a gravel pit on Lemmington Branch, Robert Garret, by the roof falling upon him.<sup>3</sup>

1788. July. Two young students of Cambridge were tryed at the Assizes for killing a man, but the Grand Jury not finding the bill of indictment, they were discharged (T.F. and T.F.T.).

1788. July 31. Died at Newcastle, Mr. Thomas Saint, printer of *The Courant (Hue and Cry)*.<sup>4</sup>

1788. Aug. 1. Died at Jesmond, near Newcastle, John Blenkinsop Coulson, esq., a justice of the peace.<sup>5</sup>

1788. Aug. 7. Duke of Northumberland's company numbered 35.

1788. Aug. 12. Mrs. Brown,<sup>6</sup> in the mail coach, took journey for Darlington on a visit to her daughter Horsley and family.

1788. Aug. On the 7th, died Joseph Allison, stay-maker, aged 63.

1788. Aug. 19. Died at Alnwick, Matthew Anderson, cooper, a harmless man, aged 75.

1788. Aug. Many gardens broke into and fruit stolen but no discovery.

1788. Aug. 25. A fire happened in Bayliff-gate, Alnwick, about 2 p.m.—which continued for four hours—in a blacksmith's shop, so that the hay above and all the back buildings were destroyed.

<sup>1</sup> 1788. July 7. Peter Hogg, Felton, buried. *Felton Registers.*

<sup>2</sup> Lady Lucy Manners, daughter of John, second Duke of Rutland, married 1742, William, second Duke of Montrose.

<sup>3</sup> 21 July, 1788, Robert Garrett, Lemington, buried. *Edlington Registers.*

<sup>4</sup> Thomas Saint was born at Morpeth on the 3 July, 1738. He died after a long illness, and the *Newcastle Chronicle* of the 2 August, 1788, in recording his death states that his 'friendly, social and benevolent disposition renders his death sincerely lamented.' He was buried at Morpeth.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. John Blenkinsop Coulson (1729-1788) died unmarried. Cf. *Archæologia Aeliana*, 3 ser. vol. i. p. 73.

<sup>6</sup> The Diarist's wife.

1788. Aug. On the 10 inst., died Right Hon. Earl of Winterton, an Irish peerage created 1766.

1788. Aug. 27. The mail coach from the south arrived a quarter of an hour before 4 o'clock p.m., sooner than usual.

Lieut. George Morrison Potts of the 51st regiment of foot took F[rench] leave of Alnwick.<sup>7</sup>

1788. Sept. 6. Duke and Dutches of Northumberland set of for London.

1788. Sept. Died at London, Miss Gallon, sister to Edward Gallon of Alnwick, esq., and niece to Mrs. Strother.<sup>8</sup>

1788. Sept. 14. Duke and Dutches of Northumberland's children set of London with the governess and other their attendance.

1788. Sept. 25. Died at Buxton, Dr. Digby, dean of Durham, brother to Lord Digby.<sup>9</sup>

Married at Morpeth, Mr. Charles G. Wheeler to Mrs. Saint, widow of Mr. Robert Saint, with a handsome fortune.<sup>10</sup>

1788. Oct. 2. Fine harvest weather for some days past, and still continues, a drying wind but not loud.

1788. Oct. 8. Died at Alnwick, Thomas Bell, farrier.

Bishop of Peterborough appointed dean of Durham.<sup>11</sup>

1788. Oct. 24. Mrs. Brown returned home from Darlington.

[Died] Mrs. Darling, widow of Mr. Joseph Darling, late of Alnwick, merchant, deceased.

1788. Oct. Henry Collingwood Selby, esq., by a public auction at Berwick, purchased all the mannor of Holy Island held by lease under the crown for the sum of 1,500*l.*<sup>12</sup>

1788. Oct. 29. A good fare at Alnwick for cattle, horses, etc., but a number of pickpockets and thieves.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. p. 244, *supra*.

<sup>8</sup> Mary, daughter of Edward Gallon of Alnwick by Ann Strother his wife, and sister of Edward and John Gallon of Alnwick, persons of local standing and wealth. The *Newcastle Courant*, 13 September, 1788, gives the date of her death as 4 Sept.

<sup>9</sup> Dr. William Digby was appointed Dean of Durham in 1777.

<sup>10</sup> Robert Saint of Morpeth, third son of Joseph Saint of that place, merchant, was baptized 27 December, 1733, married 14 September, 1775, Esther, daughter of (George) Kent (keeper of Morpeth gaol) and died in January, 1784, leaving issue an only surviving daughter, Mary, born 15 May, 1780. His widow married secondly 22 September, 1788, Charles Granville Wheler (*query*, brother of Mrs. John Taylor of Durham. Cf. Wheler pedigree, *Surtees, Durham*, vol. i. p. 176).

<sup>11</sup> Dr. John Hinchliffe, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, Bishop of Peterborough, 1769-1794; Dean of Durham, 1788-1794.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Henry Collingwood Selby, third son of George Selby of Alnwick, attorney, was clerk of the peace for Middlesex for the long period of sixty years, and also for some years commissioner to the Duke of Northumberland. He purchased Pawston and Shotton in Kirknewton and also Swansfield in Alnwick, where he died 9 February, 1839, aged 91, having survived for twenty-eight years the death of his only child, Frances, first wife of the Venerable Charles Thorp, Archdeacon of Durham.

1788. Nov. Great rejoicings in every town on account of King William landing in England one hundred years ago.

1788. November. His Majesty George III. extremely ill of a fever, with a delirium: three physicians attend his royal person, Baker, Warren, Reynolds.

1788. Nov. Mr. Dawson, supervisor, was suspended four months ago, now appointed officer of excise at Whitby and post-master, 100*l.* a year. One Mr. Foxton from Whitby succeeded Mr. Dawson as supervisor at Alnwick.

1788. Nov. 20. The House of Parliament met for dispatch of business, but adjourns *sine die* on account of His Majesty's illness.

1788. Dec. His Majesty much better, but not declared to be out of danger.

Lord George Gordon is still scribbling very erroneous and treasonable upon His Majesty's illness, quoting Deau[teronomy] and Kings from the Old Testament with respect to monarchy. He confesses to be author of the publication, but the printer is not yet found out, but diligent enquiry is making. It's probable that Lord George will be confined for life.

1788. Dec. 6. His Majesty is now removed from Windsor to Kew, being accounted much cleaner and purer air.

1788. Dec. Married, Mark William Carr of Eshott, esq., to Miss Collinson of Hexham.<sup>13</sup>

1788. Dec. The Prince of Wales appears to place great confidence in the Lord Chancellor and Mr. Pitt, being first consulted, and attending all conferences during His Majesty's illness.

1788. Dec. 12. King of Spain died.

1788. Dec. 15. A Welch main of cocks, etc., at the White Swan. Miller,<sup>14</sup> of Warkworth Barns, winner; 50*l.*

1788. Dec. 16. A Welch main of cocks at the White Swan of 24*l.* G. Wilson (landlord), and others, winners.

1788. Dec. Strong debates in Lords and Commons respecting a regency during His Majesty's illness.

1788. Dec. 21. Died at Alnwick, Mary Robertson, an old gingerbread dealer: children at school being great customers.

1788. Dec. 27. The House of Lords have appointed a Commission respecting the regency.

Ballance in the Mason's box, 155*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*

Supplement to 1788; with several other matters which happened many years ago, brought to remembrance:—

<sup>13</sup> Mr. Mark William Carr, eldest son of the spendthrift Thomas Carr of Eshot by his wife Jane, widow of—Cunliff, was born in Barbados *circa* August, 1762, and married at Hexham 1 Dec. 1788, Elizabeth, daughter of James Collinson of London. He was admitted free of the Newcastle Merchants Company 16 July, 1818, and died at Hexham 24 July, 1833, having had issue one son and seven daughters.

<sup>14</sup> John Miller became tenant of Warkworth New Barns under the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland *circa* 1774.

Mr. Gilbert Park of London has sold the following estates, viz., Coatyards, Wharton, and the house and land in Rothbury, being all the possessions he had in the county of Northumberland, but was under a necessity of so doing.<sup>15</sup>

Edward Gallon, esq., has also sold his part and share of Wharton estate, being subject often times to be overflowed with water, but under no necessity.<sup>16</sup>

A letter from Mr. Pitt to the Prince of Wales respecting the regency, and mentioning three or four limitations in case of his accepting thereof. An answer was returned indicating his acceptance but the purport thereof seems with reluctance; not pleased to be so limited, rather choosing more liberty.

Limitations—Clauses and restrictions. *Vide*, an Act of Parliament.

Regent—the per[s]on that governs a kingdom during the absence, minority, or indisposition of a king, queen, etc.

About fifty years ago was tried and condemned at the Northumberland assizes, one Curry, for the murder of Robert Sheavel,<sup>17</sup> of Hartley. The body, after execution, was hung up in chains in a field adjoining to Hartley, denoting the ignominious crime, and to deterr others from the like offence. The offender was too intimate and familiar with Sheavel's wife, who was believed to be concerned in the perpetrating of the crime, as some hints were given in court, but not made clear, the neighbours being tender therein. She lived in disgrace ever after, and died miserably, for the crime could not be forgot by the neighbourhood, being too evident. After sentence was passed by the judge, the delinquent, without reflection, boldly addressed the ladies upon the bench, saying, 'Will none of you step forward and petition to save my life?' He, being a remarkable genteel person of a man, gave him much impudence through the whole of his tryal.

A number of years ago Captain Thomas Grey (one of Howick

<sup>15</sup> George Park of Warton in Coquetdale had seisin of lands there in 1602. His descendant, Gilbert Park of Warton, married at Rothbury 13 Feb., 1654/5, Frances Thirlwall of Newbiggin, near Hexham, an alliance which opened out to his heirs the prospect of succeeding to the property of the ancient family of Thirlwall of Thirlwall. The great grandson of this match, Gilbert Park of Hatton Wall, in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, timber merchant, succeeded to the family property of Warton on the death of his uncle Gilbert Park of Warton, and obtained Coatyards by his marriage with Isabella, daughter of William Robinson of that place and of Gray's Inn. Warton was purchased by Mr. John Robson and Coatyards by Major Wood (see p. 262, *supra*), stated to be a scion of the Beadnell family.

<sup>16</sup> See Gallon pedigree, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 486.

<sup>17</sup> 1738/9. January 15. Robert Shevill of Hartley, overman, buried. *Earsdon Registers*. Michael Curry was hanged at the Westgate, Newcastle, on 4 September, 1739, for the murder of Robert Shevil of Hartley. He owned the murder, but alleged that he had been tempted to the deed by Shevil's wife. After execution the body was taken to Hartley and there hung in chains. Cf. Richardson, *Local Historian's Table Book*, vol. i. p. 392.

family) was killed in a duel by Lord Lempster (now Earl Pomfret). He was tryed and acquitted.<sup>18</sup>

Not long after Captain Collingwood (one of Ryle family) was also killed in a duel by a Captain Walch. He was also tryed and acquitted, plea was *se defendendo*.

Upon a Good Friday, in the year 1742, Mr. George Davison, of Little-Miln, was killed in his dove-coat there by his climbing up to take young pigeons: being a very near sighted man his foot slip'd from the bricks.<sup>19</sup>

Mr. James Scott, tanner in Alnwick, died in February, 1773, guilty of suicide; the reason of his untimely death not known, but he was plagued with a proud, saucy, imperious and disdainful wife. She died in December, 1786, in low and miserable condition, relief from Alnwick parish.

Mr. Edward Bell,<sup>20</sup> of Alnwick, merchant, died a few years ago of a consumption: he was plagued with a wife of the very same description (as before), who is now living an artful Methodist. But he lived and died an honest man.

It is to be remarked that the wives were full sisters.<sup>1</sup>

About the year 1771 Charles Brandling, of Gosforth-hall, renounced Roman Catholic religion and became a Protestant of the Church of England.<sup>2</sup>

Several years ago Earl Surrey, now duke of Norfolk, renounced also, and became Protestant.

In November, 1788, died at Rothbury, Mr. William Readhead, salt-officer: he formerly lived at a farm called the Crook, near to Rothbury.<sup>3</sup>

In July, 1766, died at Alnwick, Mrs. Hannah Forster (wife of Mr. Collingwood Forster, who died in the year 1775).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Thomas Grey, third son of Sir Henry Grey of Howick, first baronet, was slain by Lord Lempster, afterwards Earl of Pomfret. *Cf. Newcastle Courant*, 7 March, 1752.

<sup>19</sup> Mr. George Davison of Little Mill, in the parish of Long Houghton, was eldest son of Robert Davison of Bowsden and Stamford. He was buried at Long Houghton on the 18 April, 1742, aged 40. *Long Houghton Registers*.

<sup>20</sup> Cf. pedigree of Bell of Shortridge, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 234.

<sup>1</sup> 1742. Nov. 25. Mr. James Scott and Mrs. Margaret Richardson married. *Alnwick Register*.

<sup>1743.</sup> June 8. Edward Bell and Mary Richardson married. *Ibid.*

<sup>2</sup> Cf. pedigree of Brandling, Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 91.

<sup>3</sup> *Query*, William Readhead, baptized 15 March, 1721, as son of Robert Readhead of Hollon Crook. *Rothbury Registers*.

<sup>4</sup> Mrs. Forster was Hannah, daughter of John Doubleday of Alnwick Abbey, and was married (as his first wife) at Long Houghton 18 July, 1743, to Collingwood Forster, a leading attorney at Alnwick, and clerk of the peace for Northumberland. She died 14 July, 1767, aged 48, leaving issue three daughters, viz., Hannah, wife first of Edward Ward of Morpeth and second of William Bush of Bristol, linen merchant; Susanna, wife of William Peareth

In the year 1765, died at Alnwick, Mrs. Frances Strother, sister to the late Mr. Henry Strother of Newton-on-the-Moor. Being advanced in years and infirm, she by an accident fell into the fire and was burnt much, which was the occasion of her death.<sup>5</sup>

About five years ago two brothers, George and Samuel Forster, differed greatly, insomuch that they came to blows, and in the affray Samuel was thrown down, by which he had a leg broke.<sup>6</sup>

1787. Average duration of animal life. Linnæus, Buffen (*sic*) and others. A hare will live 10 years; a cat 10; a goat 8; an ass 30; a sheep 10; a ram 15; a dog from 14 to 20 and sometimes more; swine 25; a peacock 25; a horse from 20 to 30; an ox (a curious fact) 20; a bull 15; a pigeon 8; a turtle dove 25; a partridge 25; a raven 100; an eagle 100. Of the goose the following may be depended upon as a fact. There is a family now living in Fife who are able to ascertain that a goose had been kept in the family 70 years: they know it must be still older, but fix this, as they can prove it.

*The diary for 1789 has been lost.*

1790. Jan. 1. The bullock roasted as ordered.

His Grace Duke of Northumberland, also gave 10*l.* to be distributed amongst the poor of Alnwick.

1790. Jan. 3. John Lamb, esq., lay rector of Alnwick parish, returned home after a stay here of fourteen days.<sup>7</sup>

of Newcastle and Usworth; and Dorothy, wife of Nicholas Fenwick of Lemington. Mr. Collingwood Forster married secondly at Chatton 13 June, 1772, Mary, daughter of . . . Dagleish of Weetwood.

<sup>5</sup> She was eighty years of age and died on the 25 March, 1765. Monumental inscription, Shilbottle. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 434.

<sup>6</sup> These brothers were George Forster, baptized 6 May, 1729, who farmed the family property at High Biston, and Samuel Forster, baptized 5 December, 1735, a corn factor at High Biston granary, near the mouth of the Aln, and opposite to the town of Alnmouth. They were sons of Joseph Forster (1692-1774) of High Biston and Newton-by-the-Sea. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii., p. 100.

<sup>7</sup> Captain John Lamb, the elder of the two sons of Mr. William Lamb (1705-1769), rector of Gateshead. He was great grandson of John Lamb of Thornley, co. Durham (whose third wife was Mary, sister of Ralph Brandling), who in 1700 purchased from the trustees of Ralph Brandling of Alnwick Abbey, certain tithes of corn, wool, etc., in the parishes of Long Houghton, Alnwick, etc., parcel of the rectory of Lesbury, in which Alnwick was a chapelry. Captain Lamb died unmarried on the 9th July, 1790, and by will dated 14 December, 1789, made his kinsman, Anthony Storey of Bishopwearmouth, his devisee and executor. The latter, in the *Newcastle Advertiser*, 20 Jan., 1791, advertised for sale the tithes of Alndike, Greensfield, Greensfield Moor, Facey's Park, Grumbles Park, College Park, the small tithes of Snipe house, Rugley Barns, Rugley Moor house, and Huln Park, also the moiety of Long Houghton corn tithes, late the property of John Lamb, deceased. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. i., p. 186. Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii., p. 38.

1790. Jan. 10. Died at Hetton-house, Mr. Edward Bell, formerly at Shortridge, after at Little Houghton.<sup>8</sup>

1790. Jan. 11-12. Two Welch mains at the White Swan 50*l.* each. Won by Mr. Edward Fenwick and by John Blacket, esq.

1790. 19-20. William Forster of Warkworth—goods sold of to pay his debts.

Duke of Northumberland's fox-hounds at Morpeth.

Died at the Grainge, near Darlington, James Allen, esq., aged 77.<sup>9</sup>

1790. Jan. 21. As His Majesty was going in state to the House of Peers, a Lieutenant Frith (upon half pay) took up a stone and threw it with violence to hit His Majesty, but it fell two inches below the glass. The fellow is in custody, and under examination. He proves to be a maniac.<sup>10</sup>

1790. Feb. 2. Died, Mrs Coulter, wife of Mr. William Coulter, of Lesbury, after a tedious illness.<sup>11</sup>

1790. Feb. 10. Mrs. W. Roddam went to Pallisburn (*sic*) on a visit to Mrs. Askew. She was at Roddam last year, upwards of three months, with her brother, Coll. Roddam, esq.<sup>12</sup>

Died, Doctor William Cullin, first physician in Edinburgh, most eminent in his profession, aged 78.<sup>13</sup>

1790. Feb. 22. Duke of Northumberland's fox-hounds at Belford.

A shyness between Mr. Burke and Mr. Sheridan from their speeches in the House of Commons respecting the situation of the French nation.

A most remarkable fine and mild winter, such weather not known for many years.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Edward Bell, second son of Thomas Bell of Shortridge, by Margaret Neal, his first wife, was baptized at Warkworth on the 6th November, 1751, and seems to have farmed first at Little Houghton and afterwards at Hetton-house in the parish of Chatton, where he died unmarried.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. James Allan of Darlington, attorney, born 23 October, 1712, succeeded in 1785 to the Blackwell Grange and other family estates, under the will of his cousin, Miss Anne Allan of Blackwell Grange. Cf. Longstaffe, *Darlington*, p. viii.

<sup>10</sup> An account of the outrage committed by James Frith may be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1790, p. 81.

<sup>11</sup> 1790. Feb. 4. Mary, wife of Mr. William Coulter, Lesbury, aged 37 years. *Lesbury Registers*. She was a daughter of John Storey of Beanley. Her husband had inherited a small property at Lesbury from a long line of ancestors commencing with William Herrison, the last abbot of Alnwick, who at the Reformation became vicar of Lesbury. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii., p. 438.

<sup>12</sup> Miss Winifred Roddam, baptized at Long Houghton, 15 February, 1721/2; died at Alnwick, and was buried at Ilderton, 26 November, 1795.

Collingwood Roddam, a captain in the East India Company's service, died on the 12th November, 1806, aged 72, and was buried at Ilderton.

<sup>13</sup> Mr. William Cullen, M.D., F.R.S., published several works, and died on the 5th February, 1790, 'aged upwards of 80.' *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1790, p. 183.

Died at Kensington, near London, Mrs. Drummond, wife of the Rev. Mr. R. A. Drummond, rector of Rothbury.<sup>14</sup>

1790. Feb. 23. George Gibson of Coldriff was maliciously shot with a pistol loaded with ball, by Thomas Watson, of Elford,<sup>15</sup> in a field of Gibson's, where he was attending his workmen at the plough. It's said that a disagreement subsisted between them, and thus Watson cowardly took Gibson's life: coroner's inquest, *wilful murder*.

1790. Feb. The newspapers give an account that the Rev. Mr. P. Stockdale is at the court of the Emperor of Morocco, where he has been received with favour and distinction.

1789. March 7, 8, 9. Duke and Dutchess of Northumberland with their children set forward from Alnwick Castle for London.

1790. March 10. Died, Dr. Hamilton, bishop of St. Asaph.<sup>16</sup>

1790. March. The House of Commons, by a great majority, voted a salary of 6,000*l.* per annum to the Speaker of the House.

1790. March 15. A free school instituted by the Chamberlains and Common Council of Alnwick: master to have 50*l.* per annum and usher 25*l.*

1790. March. A most remarkable dry winter, insomuch that the oldest person living can't remember such a one.

1790. March 23. A remarkable tryal at York assizes for non-performance of marriage: Miss Darling against the Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

1790. March. In the beginning of this month died at Billingham, near Stockton, Mr. Joseph Maddeson, advanced in years.

1790. March. Miss Darling recovered the tryal at York, 200*l.* damages, with costs; rightly given!

1790. April. Married, the 30th of last month, Mr. James Towns, of Brimhouse, to Miss Whitham, of Bellshill.<sup>17</sup>

1790. April 4. N[icholas]. B[rown] walked from Alnwick to Stamford, dined, drunk tea, and returned home at night.

<sup>14</sup> Mr. Edward Auriol Hay Drummond, third son of Dr. Robert Hay (afterwards Drummond, sometime rector of Bothal and subsequently archbishop of York), was rector of Rothbury from 1784 to 1795, and afterwards dean of Bocking and prebendary of York, married first Elizabeth, daughter of William, Count de Vismes, who died at Pitt's Buildings, Kensington, on the 21st February, 1790. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1790, p. 186, and *Newcastle Courant* 20 February, 1790.

<sup>15</sup> 1765. 25 April. Thomas son of William Watson of Elford, baptized. *Bamburgh Registers*. Watson was a farmer at Elford, and Gibson was tenant of a farm at Coldrife near Newham, and they had been friends. The murderer was hanged, on a gallows erected without the Westgate, Newcastle, on the 5th August, 1790. Cf. Sykes' *Local Records*, vol. i., p. 356. Also Armstrong's Diary, printed in *Berwickshire Gazette*, August, 1896.

<sup>16</sup> Dr. Samuel Hallifax, of Jesus College, Cambridge, bishop of Gloucester, 1781-1789, bishop of St. Asaph, 1789, died at Dartmouth Street, Westminster, 5 March, 1790, aged 60. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1790, p. 281.

<sup>17</sup> Tuesday at Bamburgh, Mr. James Towns of Broom-house near Alnwick, to Miss Sarah Witham of Bells-hill near Belford. *Newcastle Courant*, 3 April, 1790.

Died at Holy Island, the Rev. Mr. Robinson, vicar there, aged 78.<sup>18</sup>

1790. April 5. Died at Alnwick, Mr. John Wardell, merchant there—young.

1790. April 12. Died at Alnwick, . . . . Skelly, widow, mother of Joseph Skelly, cordwainer, aged 98.

1790. April 19. Masters choose for the free school are Mr. R. Spooner, R. H. Dawson.

Married at Embleton, C. B. Forster, esq., to Miss D. Grey of Brunton, daughter of the late Mr. Grey, deceased.<sup>1</sup>

1790. April 20. A great tumult and disturbance amongst the hearers of Bondgate meeting about a minister.<sup>2</sup>

1790. April. Duke of Northumberland has purchased of Mrs. Blacket, Newham estate, price 11,500*l.*<sup>3</sup>

1790. April. A new pant erected and a water spout made down the town hall.

1790. May 10. Died at Southwark, John Grey, esq., brother to Sir Henry Grey, bart., of Howick.<sup>4</sup>

Same day, Mr. Thomas Bell of Belford, commonly called doctor Bell, aged 82.<sup>5</sup>

1790. May. Spaniards have taken five English vessels of Nootka-sound in North America, and sent them into Mexico. So a probability of a Spanish war as England is preparing to resent the affront given.<sup>6</sup>

1790. May. Married last month, Thomas Riddel of Swinburn Castle, esq., to Miss Salvin of Croxdale.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Mr. James Robertson, M.A., succeeded his father, of the same name, as vicar of Holy Island in 1738, and continued to hold the benefice until his death in the month of April, 1790.

<sup>1</sup> Charles Bacon Forster of Adderston, afterwards of Staward and Styford, married Dorothy, sister and heiress of Marmaduke Grey of Kyloe. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vi., p. 236.

<sup>2</sup> There is a good account of Bondgate chapel, and of the church worshipping there, in Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. ii., pp. 172-178.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Christopher Blackett died 27 August, 1738, aged 27, seised of an undivided share, comprising about one-third part, of Newham, which had been acquired by his late father, also named Christopher. By his will, dated 24 Aug., 1738, he gave his real estate to his wife for life with remainders over, with ultimate remainder to his kinsman William Blackett of Newcastle, fitter.

<sup>4</sup> 1790. May 7. Died, 'John Grey, esq., of Three-tuns-court, St. Margaret's-hill, Southwark, brother to Sir Harry Grey.' *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1790, p. 478.

<sup>5</sup> 1790. May 13. 'In his 90th year Mr. Thomas Bell of Belford, co. Northumberland, father of Mr. Robert Bell, merchant, of Hull.' *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1790, p. 571. He married at Chatton 10 July, 1743, Anne, daughter of Ralph Davison of Chatton Park, and besides the son mentioned above they had a daughter, Anne, wife of Thomas Reed of Mardon and of Hoppen.

<sup>6</sup> A recital of the alleged wrongs may be found in a memorial presented to Mr. Wyndham Grenville, secretary of state, by Lieutenant Mears. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1790, p. 487.

<sup>7</sup> A pedigree of Riddell of Swinburn may be found in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. iv., p. 284.

1790. May 20. Died, Right Hon. Earl of Hardwicke, after a short illness, aged 60.

1790. May 25. Died, His Grace Duke of Montague, Master of the Horse to His Majesty, aged 78.

1790. May. A female servant of the duke of Northumberland's hanged herself at Northumberland House.

1790. May 30. His Grace Duke of Athol and Earl of Aberdeen passed to the north with their familys.

1790. June 3. The messenger sent to the court of Spain not returned back.

1790. June 7. Married at Newcastle, Mr. Thomas Kerr, attorney in Alnwick, to Miss Forster of Ritton White-house.<sup>8</sup>

1790. June 8. At Alnwick, Mr. John White, to a niece of Andrew Mean's.

1790. June. Died at Ridley-hall, Mrs. Lowes, lady of John Lowes, esq., high sheriff for Northumberland.<sup>9</sup>

1790. June 10. Died at Denwick, Mr. William Annett, formerly farmer at High House, near Alnwick, aged 76.<sup>10</sup>

1790. June. The sum of 1,000*l.* lent by the town of Alnwick to William and Edward Charlton, esq., upon an estate called the Combs at 4*1/2* p. cent.<sup>11</sup>

*Members chosen.*

1790. June 17. Berwick:—Hon. John Vaughan, esq., captain Carpenter.

1790. June 18. Morpeth:—Sir James St. Clare, Francis Gregg, esqrs.

1790. June. Newcastle-upon-Tyne:—Sir Matt. White Ridley, bart., Charles Brandling, esq.

1790. June. Durham city:—John Tempest, esq., John Lambton, esq.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Thomas Kerr of Alnwick, solicitor, was son of James Kerr of Cornhill, innkeeper, and of Martha his wife. By his marriage with Mary, daughter and sole heiress of Ralph Forster of Higham Dykes, he obtained Ritton White-house and Roughlees.

He purchased Tone, in the chapelry of Birtley, in 1816, and dying *s.p.* September, 1831, aged 74, he by his will, dated 15 January, 1830, gave his real, and the residue of his personal, estate to Anthony Gregson of Lowlinn, only child of his sister Elizabeth, wife of Anthony Gregson of Lowlinn. Mr. Thomas Kerr was the owner of the MS. from which the Rev. John Hodgson printed the Book of Rolls of 1663 in his *History of Northumberland*, part III., vol. i.

<sup>9</sup> She was Helen, daughter of the Rev. E. Stott of Minnagaff, Kirkcudbrightshire, was married to John Lowes, 4 June, 1786, and died 2 June, 1790.

<sup>10</sup> He was the father of Mr. Ralph Annett, a merchant in Alnwick, who purchased the farm of Heckley Fence.

<sup>11</sup> Mr. William Charlton, of the Lee-hall on the North Tyne, sometime commissioner to the Duke of Northumberland, died at Alnwick 20 September, 1794, aged 75, leaving with other issue an eldest son, Edward Charlton of Lee-hall, a captain in the Northumberland militia, who died 25 February, 1803, aged 45, leaving issue.

1790. June. Northumberland:—Sir Wm. Middleton, bart., Charles Grey, esq.

1790. June 28. Durham county:—a contest, all confident. Candidates:—Sir John Eden, bart., Sir Ra. Milbank, bart., Rowland Burdon, esq.

1790. June. London:—Alderman Curtis, Alderman Watson, Sir Walker Lewes, knt., Alderman Sawbridge.

1790. June. Westminster:—Hon. Jas. Charles Fox, Lord Hood.

1790. June. Cambridge University:—Hon. Wm. Pitt, esq., Lord Euston.

1790. June. Died at Brampton, Cumberland, the Rev. Mr. Charles Stodart,<sup>12</sup> vicar (formerly at Chollerton in Northumberland about 60 years), aged 85.

1790. July 2. Died at Alnwick, Mr. John Story of Learchild, aged 63.<sup>13</sup>

Also died, William Trotter, aged 78.

1790. July 3. State of the poll for Durham:—Rowland Burdon, esq., 1,392; Sir Ralph Milbank, 1,277; Sir John Eden, 1,218.

1790. July 8. The poll finally ended for the county of Durham:—Rowland Burdon, esq., 2,073; Ra. Milbank, esq., 1799; Sir John Eden, bart., 1,706: upon which the two former were returned as members for the county.

1790. July 16. Duke of Northumberland and C. Grey, esq., win the long main of cocks at Alnwick against William Fenwick, esq.<sup>13a</sup>

1790. July. Died at Gateshead-hill, John Lamb, esq., lay rector of Alnwick: the bulk of his fortune, being considerable, he has by his will, devised to a Mr. Anthony Storey of Bishopwearmouth.<sup>14</sup>

1790. July. Died at Crookham, the Rev. Mr. Wood, dissenting minister.

1790. July 19. Duke of Northumberland's pheasants which were bred this year, are all destroyed by vermin at Hull, amounting to 36 brace, the one half golden pheasants.

1790. Aug. 1. Assize Sunday at Newcastle.

Died at Swansfield, near Alnwick, Mrs. Selby, wife of Henry Collingwood Selby, esq., in child-bed, aged 26.<sup>15</sup>

1790. Aug. At the Assizes for Durham there are five ordered for

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Charles Stoddart, son of Charles Stoddart vicar of Eglingham, born *circa* 1707, educated at Christ's College, Cambridge; B.A., 1729; M.A., 1733; vicar of Chollerton, 1733-1790; also vicar of Brampton, Cumberland; married Ann, daughter of Ralph Bates of Holywell, and was buried at Chollerton, 16 June, 1790.

<sup>13</sup> Cf. pedigree of Story of Learchild, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. vii., p. 185.

<sup>13a</sup> Here follow some words, which are unintelligible, relating to the cock-fight.

<sup>14</sup> Cf. p. 307, *supra*.

<sup>15</sup> Mrs. Henry Collingwood Selby was the only surviving child of Mr. Prideaux Wilkie of Doddington. Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 7 Aug., 1790. Raine, *North Durham*, p. 233.

execution, and for Northumberland four, including Thomas Watson. Nine in number.

1790. Aug. Thomas Watson executed for the murder of George Gibson.<sup>16</sup>

1790. Aug. Married at Warkworth, Mr. Wilson, jun., of Hadston, to Miss Story of the South-side.<sup>17</sup>

1790. Aug. Married, Utrick Reay, esq., to Miss Harrison, niece of George Colepitts, esq.<sup>18</sup>

1790. Aug. Miss Nanny Brown returned to Alnwick from London on the 31st last month with Miss M. C. Horsley.

1790. Aug. Last month died the earl of Guildford, aged 86.

1790. Aug. England and Spain upon a treaty of agreement: declaration and counter-declaration signed for such purpose, a further discussion.

1790. Aug. George Palfrey Burrell, esq., has bought the house in Alnwick of Mr. and Mrs. Bush of Bristol (late Coll. Forster, esq.), for 1,000*l.*<sup>19</sup>

1790. Aug. 31. Richard Turner of Broxfield made a bankrupt: his goods sold of at the farm, to the value of [blank]; the amount of his debts computed to be [blank].

1790. Sept. Still a prospect of war with Spain, the National Assembly of France having agreed to assist them pursuant to a Family Compact.

1790. Sept. 10. Died at Bolton, Matthew Forster, esq., aged 64.<sup>1</sup>

1790. Sept. Died, the Rev. Mr. Ra. Ogle of Ingram<sup>2</sup>: the living in the gift of Ro. Ogle, esq., of Eglingham.

1790. Sept. Some months ago died the valiant Lord Heathfield, who behaved so well at Gibralter, repulsing proud Spain thirteen times with great loss to them.

<sup>16</sup> Cf. p. 309, *supra*.

<sup>17</sup> 1764. July 6. Thomas, son of John Wilson, junior, of Hadston, baptized. *Warkworth Registers*.

1790. July 12. Thomas Wilson and Elizabeth Story, married. *Ibid.*

<sup>18</sup> Henry Utrick Reay, son of Joseph Reay of Newcastle, merchant (by his wife, a daughter of William Cuthbert), was baptized at St. John's Church, Newcastle, on the 27 March, 1750. He married at Long Benton, 5 August, 1790, Miss Elizabeth Harrison. (cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 7 August, 1790.)

<sup>19</sup> Mr. Palfrey George Burrell, married at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, 17 October, 1771, his kinswoman, Anne, daughter and coheir of Joseph Burrell of Hetton-house in the parish of Chatton, and had, with other issue, three sons, William Palfrey Burrell of Christ College, Oxford, and of Hetton-house, John Palfrey Burrell of Gray's Inn, and George Palfrey Burrell. He died 27 July, 1820, aged, 69, and was buried at Eglingham.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Matthew Forster of Brunton was baptized at Bamburgh on the 10 June, 1726, as son of Thomas Forster of Brunton and tenant of Lucker. He married at Alnwick in May, 1763, Jane, daughter and coheir of William Brown of Bolton.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Ralph Ogle, one of the younger sons of Ralph Ogle of Eglingham, was born at Heworth in the parish of Jarrow on the 2 March, 1762, and was educated at University College, Oxford, rector of Ingram, 1786 to his death, buried at Eglingham 15 September, 1790. Ogle, *Ogle and Bothal*, p. 206.

1790. Sept. Died, duke of Cumberland, much lamented, brother to His Majesty, aged 45.

1790. Sept. 28. Married at Alnwick, Mr. John Coward, tallow chandler, to Miss Daglish, daughter of Mr. Thomas Daglish.

1790. Sept. Married at Rothbury, James Boag, jun., glazier, to Miss Vardy, of Trehwitt.<sup>3</sup>

1790. Sept. Died, His Grace Duke of Montrose, aged . . . .

1790. Oct. 2. Married, James Allgood, esq., of Nunwick, to Miss Martha Reed of Chipchase, sister to Colonel Reed.<sup>4</sup>

1790. Oct. 6. Died at South Shields, Rev. Mr. Pearson, of a fever, formerly curate at Shilbottle.<sup>5</sup>

1790. Oct. 8. Died at Alnwick, Mr. Thomas Shepherd, carpenter.

1790. Oct. Died suddenly at Lowick, Mr. James Robertson, school master, formerly of Alnwick.

1790. Oct. Earl of Oxford died—64; and Viscount Weymouth made a Lord of the Bedchamber.

1790. Oct. 14. Duke of Montrose's corpse carried through Alnwick to be interred in Scotland.

Lord Algernon Percy, Lord Lovaine, created a peer by the title of earl of Beverley.

1790. Oct. Died at Farnham, Mr. John Robson, farmer, aged 80.

1790. Oct. Duke of Northumberland is presented by His Majesty with the Star and Garter which his father possessed.

1790. Oct. General mourning for the Duke of Cumberland.

1790. Oct. 26. Married at Alnham, John Tarleton of Liverpool, esq., to Miss Collingwood, daughter of A. Collingwood, esq., of Unthank.<sup>6</sup>

1790. Oct. 31. Died, Signor Gonetti, a native of Naples in Italy.

1790. Oct. 31. Died, Mrs. Mills, widow and relict of the late Mr. T. Mills, merchant in Alnwick, aged 79.<sup>6a</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 1790. September 28. James Bogue of the parish of Alnwick and Mary Vardy of High Trewit, married. *Rothbury Registers*.

<sup>4</sup> Martha, daughter of Christopher Soulsby of Newcastle, who assumed the name of Reed on succeeding to Chipchase, was born in 1767, married Mr. James Allgood in 1790, and died 19 December, 1802.

<sup>5</sup> 'Wednesday, at South Shields, the Rev. Daniel Pearson, curate of that place: a man of most exemplary conduct and amiable manners, and tho' only two months resident there, he has in that short time left many friends who lament his loss.' *Newcastle Courant*, 16 October, 1790.

<sup>6</sup> John Tarleton of Finch House, Liverpool, a younger son of John Tarleton of Liverpool, merchant, and of Aigburth, married at Alnham 20 Oct., 1790, Isabella, younger of the two daughters and coheiresses of Alexander Collingwood of Unthank and Little Ryle, by whom, with other issue, he had two sons, John Collingwood Tarleton, who died at Rhyl, North Wales, in 1860, at the age of 68, and Thomas Adams Tarleton.

<sup>6a</sup> 1742/3. Feb. 1 Mr. Thomas Mills and Mrs. Christian Baron, married. *Alnwick Registers*. Thomas Mills was a corn factor, and obtained a contract to supply the troops with bread when in Alnwick on their march to Scotland to suppress the rebellion of 1745. Cf. Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. i., pp. 457-459.

1790. Nov. Small pox—very mortal.

1790. Nov. Died, Mr. Henry Horsley at London, formerly at Morwick in Northumberland—by a fall down stair.<sup>7</sup>

1790. Nov. 18. Duke of Montrose now appointed Master of the Horse to His Majesty, *vice* Duke of Montague, deceased.

1790. Nov. 25. The Parliament met for dispatch of business.

1790. Nov. Died at London, a Miss Reed, who had Hoppen estate in Northumberland. It descends to a Mr. Reed, subject to several legacys to relations by her will.<sup>8</sup>

1790. Dec. The sale of Henry Potts' goods stopt, upon a distress made by His Grace Duke of Northumberland for 400*l.*

1790. Dec. Hon. George Grenville created Lord Grenville of Wootton.<sup>8a</sup>

1790. Dec. 3. Died, Mr. Henry Barber, steward of Belford estate; he was drowned in Ellick slakes.<sup>9</sup>

1790. Dec. 4. Died at Alnwick, after a short illness, Mr. Thompson, a Roman Catholic priest.<sup>10</sup>

*Deaths, Dec., 1790.*

Mr. Robert Maddeson of Billingham, near Stockton.<sup>11</sup>

Mr. Robert Coward, brewer at Rothbury.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Mr. Henry Horsley was baptized at Warkworth on the 24 February, 1735/6, as son of Thomas Horsley of Morwick by his wife Anne, daughter of Henry Forster of Low Angerton. On the death of his father, in 1742, he succeeded to a small property at Morwick, to St. Margaret's Grange, in the parish of Alnwick, &c. He died unmarried. Cf. pedigree of Horsley, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 360.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. George Reed of Heathpool, in the parish of Kirknewton, purchased Hoppen, in the parish of Bamburgh, in the year 1730, and gave it to Lancelot Reed, the eldest son of his second marriage with Margaret, sister of George Jeffrey. On the death of Lancelot, who was a mahogany merchant at Hatton Walls, London, in November, 1784, unmarried and intestate, his real estate came to Mary Reed, his sister of the whole blood, as heir-at-law. Miss Reed, who resided in Charlotte Street, Bedford Square, died 18 November, 1790, and by will dated 1st August, 1789, gave Hoppen to her kinsman George Reed of South Middleton, near Wooler.

<sup>8a</sup> William Wyndham Grenville, F.R.S., of Wotton, Bucks., second son of Right Hon. George Grenville, was created Baron Grenville 25 Nov., 1790, and died in 1834 *s.p.*

<sup>9</sup> Yesterday se'nnight, at night, Mr. Henry Barber, common brewer at Belford and land steward for the Bamburgh Castle estates, was drowned near Ross Link, Holy Island. *Newcastle Courant*, 11 Dec., 1790. He was 46 years of age. Monumental Inscription, Belford.

<sup>10</sup> 'A gentleman of genteel knowledge.' *Newcastle Courant*, 11 Dec., 1790.

<sup>11</sup> Mr. Robert Maddison was for forty years cashier at Alnwick Castle to the first and second Dukes of Northumberland. He was 70 years of age. *Newcastle Courant*, 24 Dec., 1790.

<sup>12</sup> Mr. Robert Coward died at his father's house at Cullercoats. *Newcastle Courant*, 18 Dec., 1790.

The Rev. Mr. Middleton, vicar of Long Horsley, aged 80.<sup>13</sup>

Henry Peareth, esq., of Little Houghton, aged 80.<sup>14</sup>

Dutches of Argyle.

Dutches of Atholl.

In Westgate street, Newcastle, Mrs. Stewart, aunt to D. R. Grieve, esq.'s wife.<sup>15</sup>

At Mountain, near to Whittingham, Mr. Bolton of Black-pool.

1790. Dec. Great debates in the House of Commons respecting a further tryal of Hastings. *Query* whether a dissolution of Parliament should prevent a further enquiry into the impeachment or not. Very elegant speeches.

*The diaries for 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794 and 1795 are lost.*

1796. Jan. 8. Princess of Wales delivered of a daughter.

Austrians and French said to have a suspension of arms.

1796. Jan. Died, Robert Wright, esq., a captain in the Durham militia, aged 35.<sup>16</sup>

1796. Jan. Married, Mr. Wilkie of Hetton to Miss Tarret of Berwick-upon-Tweed.<sup>17</sup>

1796. Jan. 25. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Selby, wife of Mr. George Selby, attorney-at-law.<sup>18</sup> She was one of the Cook family of Togston, aged 83.

1796. Jan. General Harcourt's Light Horse still at Alnwick, as also Durham militia, which may continue some time.

<sup>13</sup> Mr. Joseph Middleton, B.A., presented to the vicarage of Long Horsley in 1748 by the Crown. The *Gentleman's Magazine* of 1790, p. 1215, states that he was 'in his 86th year.'

<sup>14</sup> Mr. Henry Peareth, son of Henry Peareth of Newcastle, merchant, by his second wife, and heir to his mother, was baptized at St. Nicholas', Newcastle, 18 Sept., 1713. Cf. pedigree of Peareth of Little Houghton, new *History of Northumberland*, vol ii. p. 409.

<sup>15</sup> Yesterday se'nnight, at her house in Westgate Street, in an advanced age, Mrs. Stewart, relict of the late Edward Stewart, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 31 Dec., 1790.

<sup>16</sup> 'Mr. Robert Wright died at Alnwick 14 Jan.' Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 16 Jan., 1796.

<sup>17</sup> Mr. John Wilkie married at Berwick, 12 Jan., 1796, Anne, daughter of the late Captain Terrot 'of the Invalids' at Berwick. *Newcastle Courant*, 16 Jan., 1796. Cf. pedigree of Wilkie of Hetton, Raine, North Durham, p. 233.

<sup>18</sup> Dorothy, daughter of Edward Cook of Togston by his wife Mary, daughter of Ralph Bredling of Hoppen, was baptized at Warkworth on the 25 April, 1714, and was married in the same church 9 Sept., 1736, to Christopher Carr of Alnwick, merchant (who died *circa* 1750). She married secondly *circa* 1752, as his second wife, George Selby of Alnwick, attorney. The latter was baptized at Holy Island on the 18 Jany., 1719/20, as (fourth) son of George Selby of that place. By his first wife Mary, daughter of Prideaux Selby of Beal, George Selby of Alnwick had issue three sons and one daughter, viz.:—George Selby of Alnwick (1746-1815), Prideaux Selby (1747-1813), Henry Collingwood Selby of Swansfield (1748-1839), and Mary, wife of Thomas Donaldson, of Cheswick. Mr. George Selby (named in the text), died 1 March, 1806, aged 86.

The churchwardens of Alnwick begun to add fresh ground to the church-yard, levelling and making gravell walks to each door of the church, with other improvements necessary to accommodate the town of Alnwick and parish.

1796. Jan. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Ferguson, wife of Mr. Ferguson, excise officer, aged 51.

It is said that the Prussians and Hessians will join with the Emperor and Brittish in the next campaine against the enemy.

1796. Jan. Died at Berwick, Miss Jane Allen [who] formerly lived at Chillingham Barns.

1796. Feb. 7. Died at Little Houghton, Mr. John Burrell,<sup>19</sup> aged 61.<sup>20</sup>

1796. Feb. Mr. Proctor, grammer master, appointed clerk to the Chamberlains of Alnwick, in the room of Mr. William Forster, deceased.<sup>20</sup>

1796. Feb. Died, Mr. Laing of Birdhope-craig, father to Mr. Edward Charlton's wife: his death was occasioned by a fall from his horse, aged 66.<sup>21</sup>

1796. Feb. 24. Died at Alnwick, Robert Alder, esq., formerly of Woodhall, aged 64.<sup>21</sup>

1796. Feb. Rev. Dr. Drummond,<sup>2</sup> of Rothbury, promoted to the rectory of Hadley, in Suffolk, by the archbishop.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, of Hadley, promoted to the rectory of Rothbury by the bishop of Durham.<sup>3</sup>

1796. Feb. Adam Mansfeldt Lawson de Cardonnell of Chirton, esq., was appointed high sheriff for the county of Northumberland.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Mr. John Burrell was baptized at Eglingham on the 5 January, 1733/4, as son of Mr. George Burrell of Bassington. He was residing at Ratchengh in 1774, when he voted at the election of Knights of the Shire in respect of a freehold qualification at Bassington, and married at Long Houghton, 21 February, 1775, Barbara, daughter of Henry Peareth of Little Houghton, by whom he had issue.

<sup>20</sup> Mr. William Procter, a native of Long Preston in Craven, was born in 1762, educated at Giggleswick, master of Bowes School *circa* 1782, ordained deacon 1791 and priest 1792, master of Alnwick Grammar School 1794-1839, perpetual curate of Alnwick 1799-1839, vicar of Long Houghton 1811-1839, vicar of Lesbury 1811-1839. Respected and beloved, he died on the 19 March, 1839, aged 77.

<sup>21</sup> 1796. Feb. 12. 'Robert Laing of Sills, buried. Unfortunately fell off his horse and perished below Davyshield mill.' *Elsdon Registers*.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Robert Alder of Alnwick, died 25 Feb., 1796, aged 66 years. Arms, [azure] on a bend [argent] three billets of the field. Monumental Inscription, Alnwick. Mr. Robert Alder married at Whittingham 28 Feb., 1785, as her fourth husband, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Garth, and widow successively of John William Bacon Forster, of Sir Herbert Lloyd, bart., and of Charles Schutz. She died at Alnwick, 2 July, 1792.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 309, *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> The Rev. George Watson, D.D., rector of Rothbury from 1795 to 1813.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Adam Cardonnell, son of Mansfeldt Cardonnel, a commissioner of H.M. Customs in Scotland, and grandson of James Cardonnel, secretary of the great

1796. Feb. Passed through Alnwick the Irish Fencible Foot for Berwick, in three divisions. A sad wicked set of men, and the officers as bad—heathens. Also passed earl of Ancrim's Light Horse for Scotland.

1796. Feb. A Dutch lugger on the coast [between] Holy Island and Coquet Island, which has burnt two Berwick smacks.

1796. March 1. The Chamberlains and Common Council of Alnwick have agreed with the Abbey millers to grind the freemen's corn at 1d. per peck or 6d. per bowl, to continue for three months by way of experiment, and an account to be kept.

Died at Alnwick, Mrs Smith, wife of Mr. James Smith, linnen draper.<sup>5</sup>

1796. March. Married at Sunderland, Mr. Walter Scott, surgeon, in the Northumberland militia, son of William Scott, M.D., of Stamfordham, to Miss Walker of Sunderland, daughter of Mr. Robert Walker.<sup>6</sup>

1796. March. The Hon. James Dormer,<sup>7</sup> esq., appointed by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, a commissioner, under him, in the room of H. C. Selby, esq., dismissed last year.<sup>8</sup>

1796. March 10. General Harcourt's Light Horse marched southward from Alnwick.

1796. March. Died, Percival Clennell, esq., of Harbottle, aged 83.<sup>9</sup>

Duke of Marlborough, by a rapid series of deaths succeeded to the estates of Chirton and Cramlington, entailed on him by the will of his maternal kinsman Hilton Lawson of Chirton. He was author of *Numismata Scotiae*, published in 1786, and of *Picturesque Antiquities of Scotland*, published in 1793, and died in June, 1820, aged 73.

<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth, the wife of James Smith, linen draper, died 28 Feb., 1796, aged 31. Her husband died 18 July, 1830, aged 61. Monumental Inscription, Alnwick.

<sup>6</sup> 1761. August 12. Walter, son of William Scott, M.D., was baptized by Mr. Dryden. *Stamfordham Registers*.

1796. February 27. Walter Scott and Eleanor Walker married by lic. *Sunderland Registers*.

<sup>7</sup> The Hon. James Dormer, third son of John, seventh Baron Dormer, born in 1735, was commissioner of the Duke of Northumberland from 1796 to 1805; he died in 1817.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Henry Collingwood Selby of Gray's Inn, barrister-at-law, third son of George Selby of Alnwick, attorney, by his first wife Mary, daughter of Prideaux Selby of Beal, purchased Swansfield, Alnwick, and died there on the 9th February, 1839, aged 91, having been for sixty years clerk of the peace for Middlesex. By his wife Frances, daughter of Prideaux Wilkie (who died in childbirth), he had an only child Frances Wilkie Selby, who married Charles Thorp, D.D., rector of Ryton and archdeacon of Durham.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Percival Clennell was baptized at Alwinton on the 13th January, 1714, as the (fifth) son of Luke Clennell of Clennell by his wife Sarah, daughter of Wilfred Lawson of Brayton. Under his father's will he inherited Harbottle, and on the death of his eldest brother, Thomas Clennell of Clennell, s.p.m., he became the last male heir of his ancient house.

Died, Henry Askew, esq., of Redheugh.<sup>10</sup>

Died at Greenwich, Sir Hugh Pallisser, knt., admiral of the White, and governor of that place.

1796. March 30. Clidedale Light Dragoons came to Alnwick to remain till further orders shall be given.

1796. April 10. Clidedale Dragoons marched southward to Coventry.

1796. April. Durham militia marched to Norwich from Alnwick. Northumberland militia marched from Sunderland for Norwich. General Harcourt's Light Horse gone to Reading, Berkshire.

1796. April 25. Alnwick quite empty of soldiers.

1796. April 27. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Scott, wife of Mr. Thomas Scott, of the same place, tobacconist, of a long and lingering disorder.

1796. May. Married, Sir Thomas Liddle, bart., to Miss Simpson, third daughter of the late John Simpson, of Bradley, in the county of Durham, esq.<sup>11</sup>

1796. May 4. Died at Alnwick, Mr. Joseph Drabble, sadler, aged 54.

1796. May 14. Died, Mrs. Lindsay, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Lindsay, of Alnwick, sheriff's clerk, aged 77.

1796. June. Members elected:—

Newcastle upon Tyne:—Sir Matthew White Ridley, bart.; Charles Brandling, esq.

Durham city:—Hon. H. Vane Tempest, esq.; H. W. Lambton, esq.

Durham county:—Rowland Burdon, esq.; Ra. Milbank, esq.

York county:—Wm. Wilberforce, esq.; Hen. Lascelles, esq.

York city:—[blank].

Northumberland:—Charles Grey, esq.; Thomas R. Beaumont, esq.

Morpeth:—Lord Morpeth.

Berwick upon Tweed:—Colonel Callender; Earl Tyrconnel.

1796. Died at Morpeth, Mr. Francis Laidman, surgeon, aged 80.<sup>12</sup>

Died at Felton, Mr. Daniel Wilkinson, surgeon.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Mr. Henry Askew was baptized at St. John's Church, Newcastle, on the 21st April, 1730, as the (third) son of Adam Askew, M.D. He resided at Redheugh, near Gateshead, and having no children of his own exercised a paternal supervision over the nephews and nieces left to his care. He died on the 10th March, 1796. Cf. Welford, *Men of Mark*.

<sup>11</sup> Sir Thomas Henry Liddell was created Baron Ravensworth, 14 July, 1821.

<sup>12</sup> May 29, in his 80th year, Mr. Francis Laidman, formerly an eminent surgeon in Morpeth, but had retired from business a few years ago. *Newcastle Courant*, 11 June, 1796.

1796. June 1. Mr. Francis Laidman, surgeon, buried. *Morpeth Registers*.

<sup>13</sup> Mr. Daniel Wilkinson of Felton, surgeon, was baptized at Woodhorn, on the 25th October, 1747, as son of Jacob Wilkinson of Widdrington. He married in Scotland (and remarried 16 March, 1771, at St. John's Church, Newcastle) Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Selby of Earle, near Wooler. He died on the 11th June, 1796, leaving issue three sons, Charles and Daniel Wilkinson, silk mercers in London, and Thomas Wilkinson of Holy Island.

Died at London, Samuel Whitbread, esq., the greatest brewer in England, aged 76.<sup>14</sup>

1796. July. Died at London, Mr. John Lettiney, attorney at law.

1796. July 11. Died at Longhoughton, Robert Adams, son of Mr. Robert Adams, jun., aged 18 years.<sup>15</sup>

1796. July. Married last May, Mr. Thompson, of Fenwick-hill, to Miss James, of Stamford, daughter of Mr. T. James.<sup>16</sup>

1796. July 15. Died at Alnwick, the eldest son of Edward Charlton, esq., aged 8 years.<sup>17</sup>

1796. July. Great disturbances upon the Rhyne: battles, etc., between the Austrians and French, much bloodshed.<sup>18</sup>

Incampsments upon the coasts here.

1796. July 31. Came to Alnwick General Sir Charles Grey, in his road to his seat, at Fallooden, with his family and retinue, when Anderson's guns were fired at Alnwick in passing through.

1796. Aug. 4. Died at Alnwick, Miss Patty Burrell, after a long illness, aged 41—but believed older.<sup>19</sup>

1796. Aug. Died, the 26th of last month, at Alnwick, Robert Murray, yeoman (an old tenant in Walkergate, of a house and close), at the age of 78.

1796. Aug. 8. Doctor Pringle's wife was delivered of a son, to his great joy.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Mr. Samuel Whitbread died on the 11th June, 1796, at Bedwell park, Herts. Cf. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1796, p. 531.

<sup>15</sup> The young man was 'a student of medicine.' Monumental Inscription, Long Houghton.

<sup>16</sup> 1796. June 11. Robert Thompson and Elizabeth James married by licence. *Embleton Registers*.

<sup>17</sup> See p. 276, *supra*.

<sup>18</sup> This note is apparently based on the Foreign Intelligence in *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1796, p. 606.

<sup>19</sup> Miss Martha Burrell's age is entered in the Wooler Register of Burials as 40 years. She was the only child of George Burrell of Wooler, who was youngest son of Thomas Burrell, of Broome-park.

The following is an abstract of her will:—'1795. Sept. 22. Will of Martha Burrell of Alnwick, sp. To my friend Jane, daughter of Mr. George Taylor, late of Swinhoe, 120*l.* To Martha, daughter of Robert Smart of Hobberlaw, deceased, 100*l.* To Captain Robert Smart a pin with my hair. To William Burrell of Broom-park, the inlaid cabinet. To my dearest Henry Burrell of Broom-park all my plate. My cousin, Martha Burrell's profile, etc. To Miss (sic) E. Brown, late Miss Smart, G. Brown of Dublin's profile. To Mrs. Martha Burrell of Broom-park my watch. Thomas Davidson, esq., of Newcastle, executor in trust for his four daughters, Martha, Helen, Elizabeth and Catherine by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Cuthbert Allen, vicar of Wooler. To be buried at Wooller by my father and mother. A plain stone to be put over my grave with George, Bathia and Martha Burrell's names upon it. Six supporters to the stone. No breast plate to my coffin. To Bryan Burrell, my portfolio.' Proved at Durham, 1796. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*'

<sup>20</sup> Mr. Robert Pringle of Bondgate Without, Alnwick, was a son of William Pringle of Snitter, and married at Kirknewton, 18 July, 1792, Grace, daughter of . . . Hall of Thornton (?) (Cf. *Newcastle Courant*, 28 July, 1796), and died

1796. Aug. 13. Duke of Northumberland's waggon arrived at Alnwick.

1796. Aug. 14. Duke, Dutches and family arrived at the Castle, being absent four years.

1796. Not many visitors at the Castle, they only straggle in, few carriages: a foreign countess there, a Roman Catholic.

1796. Aug. Died at Stamford, Mr. Thomas James, an eminent farmer and an honest man, aged 67.<sup>1</sup>

1796. Aug. 29. Mr. Kemble's theatre opened under the patronage of the Duke and Dutches of Northumberland.

1796. Aug. Died at the Abbey mills, Andrew Percy's wife, of an apoplexy fit.

1796. Sept. 1. A very large company at the Castle dining; about nine or ten carriages, and four families remaining as visitors for some days there. At dinner, sixty-two.

1796. Sept. Died last month, T. Rule, mason, at Ireland eminent in his business, and son-in-law to Mr. George Smith, brandy merchant, in Alnwick—aged 36.

1796. Sept. 6. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Yelloley,<sup>2</sup> widow of the late Mr. J. Yellowley, and sister to Doctor Davison, of Alnwick.

1796. Sept. Partnership dissolved between Dodds and James Smith, linen drapers, in Alnwick.

1796. Sept. 8-9. The archers of bow and arrow displayed their skill in the duke's pasture, adjoining to Alnwick.

1796. Sept. 10. A play choose by the duke of Northumberland; comedy, 'The English Merchant'; farce 'Children in the Woods.'

Died at Causey-park bridge, Mr. James Wilson, schoolmaster, author of many poetical pieces, aged 64.

1796. Sept. The duke of Northumberland's audit. Mr. Adams, of Long Houghton, to enjoy the mansion with 100 acres of the best land during his life.

1796. Sept. A total victory obtained by the Austrians against the French by the Rhine. Archduke Charles of Austria commander against General Jourdaun.

30 November, 1813, aged 58, leaving one son, William Pringle, in his day a well-known and respected solicitor in London, and two daughters, Grace and Margaret, who resided in Alnwick and died unmarried.

<sup>1</sup> 1796. August 16. Mr. Thomas James of Stamford, buried. *Embleton Registers.*

Mr. Thomas James (son of another Thomas James, tenant of Stamford and proprietor of Kirknewton, an estate he had purchased in 1762 from John Strother Kerr) married at Holy Island, 7 April, 1768, Miss Elizabeth Thompson of Bar Moor, and by her, who died in the month of May, 1812, he had, with other issue, William James and Collingwood Forster James, to whom by will dated 23 December, 1789, he gave Kirknewton in undivided moieties.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Yellowley was Jane, daughter of George Davison of Little Mill near Longhoughton. She was widow of John Yellowley of Alnwick, who died 9 Aug., 1787, and mother of John Yellowley, M.D., F.R.S., one of the founders of the Medico-Chirurgical Society and one of the originators of the Geological Society of London.

1796. Sept. 28, 29, 30. A Highland regiment of foot passed through Alnwick for Scotland. Also the Antient Welch regiment of cavalry to the same country.

Likewise an Irish regiment of foot passed through Alnwick for the south: bad men and very indifferent characters.

The Middlesex militia, now quartered at Alnwick, about 400.

A remarkable good harvest, all grain well gathered in.

1796. Oct. 2. Died at Unthank House, near Ryle, George Collingwood, esq., the last male issue of the family of the Collingwoods.<sup>3</sup>

1796. Oct. The Austrians still successful and pursuing the French; about 20,000 of them killed and taken prisoners with a general of note.

Great success in Italy, insomuch that the French will be surrounded by General Wurmster.

1796. Oct. 20. Died at Alnwick, Mrs. Ogle, widow of the late Mr. James Ogle, hatter in Rothbury.<sup>4</sup>

1796. Oct. Died at Hampton, Gloucestershire, Mrs. Ogle, relict of Colonel Ogle, late of Cawsey Park, in Northumberland.<sup>5</sup>

1796. Nov. 1. Died at Cumberland, at the seat of Humphrey Senhouse, esq., Mrs. Wood, relict and widow of Thomas Wood, late of Beadnell, esq., aged 87.<sup>6</sup>

1796. Nov. Lord Malmsbury over at Paris on a treaty for peace, but very little probability: the French being exorbitant in their demands.

1796. Nov 24. Died at Chirton—Mr. Collingwood's seat—Mrs. Elizabeth Roddam, sister to Admiral R. Roddam, aged 87.<sup>7</sup>

1796. Nov. 28. Duke and Dutches of Northumberland, with all their retinue, set of from Alnwick Castle for London.

1796. Nov. Mr. Thos. Aitkin of Alemouth, corn factor and timber-merchant, failed, in considerable debt, to the great loss of the farmers; Mr. Lambert, attorney, much blamed.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. George Collingwood, the fifth son of Alexander Collingwood of Little Ryle and Unthank by his wife Eleanor, daughter of Robert Blake, was born on the 26th October, 1729. He was descended from Thomas Collingwood of Little Ryle, who entered his pedigree at St. George's visitation of Northumberland in 1615. He died unmarried.

<sup>4</sup> Probably Mary Parker, wife of James Ogle of Rothbury, who was baptized there on the 7th June, 1709, a son of Edward Ogle by his wife Sarah Fenwick. Cf. Ogle, *Ogle and Bothal*, p. 219.

<sup>5</sup> William Ogle, illegitimate but the acknowledged son of William Ogle of Cawsey Park, was born at Chatton 31st December, 1730. He entered the army, rose to the rank of major-general, and died in India in 1786, after 35 years' service. His wife was Frances Stockwell. Cf. Ogle, *Ogle and Bothal*, p. 99.

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Thomas Wood of Beadnell married Anne, daughter of John Craster of Craster, and died in July, 1766. His widow subsequently went to reside with her daughter, who had married Mr. Humphrey Senhouse of Nether-hall, Cumberland.

<sup>7</sup> Miss Elizabeth Roddam, daughter of Edward Roddam of Little Houghton, afterwards of Roddam, by his wife Jane, daughter of Robert Kelley of Gateshead, and sister of Admiral Robert Roddam, was buried at Ilderton on the 28th November, 1796.

A commission of bankruptcy issued out against Mr. Aitkin, corn-factor.

1796. Nov. Mr. John Anderson, shoemaker, removed from his shop.

1796. Dec. Married at Eglingham, the Rev. Mr. Hugh Hodgson, vicar of that place, to Miss Wilkinson, daughter of the late William Wilkinson, of Newcastle upon Tyne, esq.<sup>8</sup>

1796. Dec. 17. *Deaths.* Empress of Russia, aged 68. William Lord Cavendish, uncle to duke of Devonshire.<sup>9</sup> Samuel Cook, esq., of Newton in the Moor, aged 71.<sup>10</sup>

1796. Dec. The ship 'Two Brothers' from Alemouth, taken by a French privateer of 8 guns and 50 men, and carried of. The ship was not insured, as said.

1796. Dec. A very raging fever in the town and country, not very fatal, mostly amongst the young people, under 30 years.

1796. Dec. Lord Malmsbury returned home: the French proposals being very inconsistent, they insisting upon Cape of Good Hope and Ceylon being restored, with other articles out of character. The Spaniards declared war against Great Britain without the least cause: the king's message to both Houses of Parliament to defend, it being a very great insult.

1796. Dec. Mr. Thomas Aitken's assignees, under his bankruptcy, are Messrs. Henderson and Wilson.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Hugh Hodgson, son of Ralph Hodgson of Bishop Auckland, attorney, matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, on the 17th December, 1755, aged 18. B.A. 1759. M.A. 1762. Was presented to the vicarage of Eglingham by Dr. Taylor, bishop of Durham in 1769. Married 21 Nov., 1796, Philadelphia, daughter of William Wilkinson of Newcastle, and died *s.p.* July 1810, aged 73. His sister Mary Philadelphia Hodgson was postmistress of Alnwick, and died 10 December, 1826, aged 82.

<sup>9</sup> *Query,* Lord John Cavendish, fourth son of William, third Duke of Devonshire.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. Samuel Cook was baptized at Shilbottle 23 September, 1725, as son of Joseph Cook of Newton, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Davison of Warkworth, and widow of William Smith of Togston.

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